

'Ham' Reports Indicate

Missionaries Safe In Chile

RICHMOND (BP) — An incomplete early report that Southern Baptist missionaries in Chile are safe following that country's military coup of Sept. 11 was presented at the September meeting here of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

In other actions, the board heard its executive secretary comment on the proposed 1974 budget, to be adopted at the October board meeting, and received an optimistic report

on the missionary personnel outlook. Frank K. Means, the board's area secretary for South America, reported that he talked with a Ham radio operator in Miami who had contacted some of the Baptist missionaries in Chile. They indicated that so far "everything is OK" following the military takeover.

The Miami radio operator talked with missionaries Gerald Riddell in Punta Arenas in extreme southern

Chile, and John H. McTyre in the capital, Santiago, through the "Halo Network" of ham radio operators. The network is made up of missionary ham radio operators in South America who have agreed to make daily contact with each other and with persons in the States.

President Salvador Allende allegedly committed suicide after the armed forces, siding with civilian opponents of Allende's regime, moved planes, tanks and ground troops in to seize the presidential palace.

According to wire reports a military junta took control of the government and declared a state of siege.

Last July the Baptist missionaries in Chile declared themselves in a crisis period due to the country's political unrest. They advised the board to encourage new missionary appointments to Chile to consider reassignment to other countries until the political situation is more stable.

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An Open Letter To Southern Baptists

Dear Friends:

With inflation at home and deflation abroad there is a sharp increase in the cost of mission support throughout the world.

Your church will face this problem in next year's budget. Don't forget the problem exists in our world mission work also.

On a recent trip to Europe and Africa we paid New York rates for modest hotel accommodations. A No. 2 can of tomatoes in Ivory Coast cost \$1.24. One missionary reported his family food bill was \$15.00 more than his monthly income for that month. A devaluated dollar and foreign inflation are costly to missions abroad.

Our Home Mission program is on a plateau. Over 130 trained volunteers await appointment and assignment for work in the United States where 78 million people are unchurched. Their appointment awaits more money.

The convention in Portland adopted a budget which, for the first time since 1967, provides an advance section. All of the funds received over and above the \$35 million goal will be divided among the various Southern Baptist ministries and causes according to the same percentage provided in the regular operating budget.

Now is the time when we can do more for missions. But only you can make it happen. Challenge your church to increase Cooperative Program gifts at least 1% of the church budget. Remember, the church that reaches out for Christ will grow and the members will be blessed. One church made a commitment to increased giving through the Cooperative Program and called it a "faith promise." They promised the increased mission support and had faith that God would supply their local needs.

You can help make this happen in your church. You can lead your church to make a "faith promise." Your church can have a greater part in sharing Christ with the world. Pray about it—then do something about it!

The Cooperative Program, which will be 50 years old in 1975, has proved to be an effective lifeline for supporting the churches, the associations, the state conventions, and the Southern Baptist convention. In these troubled times the lifeline needs strengthening.

The decision is with the local church. May God lead you as you determine the future of the mission program of our denomination.

Sincerely,

Owen Cooper, President
Southern Baptist Convention

SPRE-E '73 Makes Impact On England

LONDON, England — SPRE-E '73 has come and gone, leaving the churches of Western Europe stunned by a twin explosion, one at London's Earls Court, the other at Wembley Stadium. As a demonstration of enthusiasm by Christian youth, it was perhaps without parallel in the 20th century on this side of the Atlantic.

Attracted by the preaching of Evangelist Billy Graham and the music of a dazzling array of talented Christian artists, including Johnny Cash, Cliff Richard and Terry Dene, tens of thousands attended the "spiritual re-emphasis" week sponsored by a committee of prominent young clergy and laymen. Thousands of registered delegates spent August 27 to September 1 in training, praising and witnessing sessions that went beyond anything Britain had ever seen. The Earls Court, largest indoor stadium in Europe, was filled to capacity.

Some likened it to Expo 72, held last year in Dallas, Texas. But there were many differences. The inspiration for SPRE-E came from Dallas, after Maurice L. Rowlandson, Graham Association director in Britain, attended the Expo sessions. But SPRE-E had a European stamp of its own, and will probably become a tradition in a hurry. Plans for something similar in 1975 are already under discussion.

Widely advertised as a spiritual highlight of the summer of 1973, SPRE-E lived up to its billing. One thousand delegates came by chartered boat from Ireland, 600 from Scotland, 550 from Germany, and commensurate groups from France, Spain, Switzerland, Holland, Scandinavia, Italy and Austria. Others flew in from Iceland, Australia, South Africa and other distant points.

The Wembley meeting on Saturday afternoon, September 1, climaxed the week and brought memories of the Billy Graham Crusades of former years. But a significant difference was uniformly young. The majority at

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THE LIGHT IN THE FOREST

Summer's sun streams into a woodland clearing and the leaves dance in its light. A moment of quiet beauty.
—RNS Photo.

Brotherhood Commission Sets Budget, Urges Hotels For SBC

MEMPHIS (BP) — The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, in annual session here, adopted a record \$1.3 million budget, elected a new slate of officers and approved a resolution urging the City of Memphis to encourage adequate hotel facilities for the 1977 session of the Southern Baptist Convention scheduled in Memphis.

The resolution said the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention might re-evaluate its decision to hold the 1977 convention in Memphis if adequate hotel facilities are not constructed "within a reasonable distance from the downtown auditorium."

The resolution pointed out that the convention's decision to meet in Memphis is contingent on a pledge from the Memphis Convention and Housing Bureau indicating the availability of 5,000 hotel and motel rooms in Memphis to house an anticipated 15,000 Baptists from throughout the nation.

The action by the commission, the only national agency of the Southern Baptist Convention located in Mem-

phis, came only a few days after the Memphis City Council had voted to release an entire block of city-county owned property adjacent to the Everett R. Cook Convention Center for possible development into hotel-motel accommodations for conventions.

In another action, the 36-member board of directors adopted unanimously, a 1973-74 budget of \$1.3 million, an increase of \$117,598 over the 1972-73 budget.

Only debate on the budget came over a \$10,500 allocation to aid work with Baptist laymen and boys in states where Southern Baptist work is weak. Some commissioners made an appeal to increase the allocation.

Elected as new chairman of the agency, which coordinates Southern Baptist efforts at involving three million laymen and two - a - half million boys in missions, was H. D. Revis Jr., pastor of Laurel Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C. He succeeds John Smarge, a construction contractor from Silver Spring, Md.

Named new vice chairman was

P. A. Stevens, an automatic sprinkler contractor from Louisville, Ky., and elected recording secretary was William E. Hardy Jr., minister of education for First Baptist Church, Koscusko, Miss.

During the two-day meeting here, Ken Taylor, the man who paraphrased the best-selling Living Bible, which has sold 10 million copies in two years, presented to commission members complementary first copies of a pocket sized paperback edition of the Living New Testament, with marked scripture passages, for use by Baptist laymen in personal witnessing.

Taylor, president of Tyndale House Publishing Co., Wheaton, Ill., told the commission members he worked for 17 years in paraphrasing the Bible into readable language because neither he nor his 10 children could understand what the Bible really meant in the old King James Version.

In two other major addresses, Brotherhood Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough and outgoing chairman Smarge issued challenges for laymen to take a more aggressive role in missions, witnessing and working in their churches.

Smarge urged Baptist laymen to utilize in sharing their faith the same degree of experience and aggressiveness they develop in their business and profession.

McCullough summed up the last 12

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76 Associations In State To Conduct Meetings In October

Seventy-six associations in the state will hold annual meetings in October as follows:

Adams: 22, Briel Avenue; 23, Calvary; Alcorn: 18, Union, Kossuth; 19, West Corinth; Attala: 15, Unity, West; 16, Unity, West; Benton: 8, Bluff Springs; 9, Bluff Springs; Bolivar: 22, Trinity, Rosedale; 23, Providence, Cleveland; Calhoun: 22, First, Calhoun City; 23, First, Bruce; Carroll: 15, Black Hawk; 16, New Salem; Chickasaw: 22, Pleasant Ridge; 23, Van Vleet; Choctaw: 10, Ackerman; 11, Fellowship; Clarke: 15, Pine Grove; 16, Pine Grove; Clay: 15, Pheba; 16, Pheba; Copiah: 22, Gatesville; 23, First, Crystal Springs; Covington: 22, Collins; 23, Mt. Olive; De Soto: 22, Longview Heights; 23, Fairhaven; Franklin: 15, Union, Roxie; 16, Concord, McCall Creek; George: 22, Barton; 23, Barton; Greene: 22, Leaf; 23, Johnson Creek, Richton; Grenada: 15, Bethel; 16, Bethel; Gulf Coast: 22, Woolmarket, Biloxi; 23, First, Wiggins; Hinds - Madison: 15,

Southern Hills; 16, Flora; Holmes: 15, First, Lexington; 16, Calvary, Durant; Humphreys: 11, First, Belzoni; Itawamba: 8, Trinity, Fulton; 9, Dorsey; Jackson: 15, Griffin St., Moss Point; 16, Belle-fountain, Ocean Springs; Jasper: 22, Edon; 23, Shady Grove; Jeff Davis: 15, Old Hebron; 16, Whitesand; Jones: 15, Pleasant Home, 16, Harmony; Kemper: 18, DeKalb; 19, West Kemper; Lafayette: 15, Bethel; 16, Paris; Lamar: 8, Military, Sumrall; 9, Purvis; Lauderdale: 15, Westwood; 16, Westwood; Lawrence: 22, Antioch; 23, New Hebron; Leake: 25, Trinity, Carthage;

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New Executive For Texas Southern Baptists Is Named

DALLAS (RNS) — Rev. James H. Landes, a former first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He will succeed the Rev. T. A. Patterson, who is scheduled to retire after 13 years of continuous service on Dec. 31. Mr. Patterson has served the longest term in the office since a Baptist convention was organized in Texas in 1848.

As executive secretary Mr. Landes, who is pastor of First Baptist Church in Richardson, Tex., will serve as administrative head of various missionary benevolent and educa-

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SBC Commission Confronts Social Issues

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission spoke out against political abuses, honored two Southern Baptist leaders and listened to a searching probe of trends affecting Southern Baptist Christian social concerns during the commission's annual meeting here.

The commission approved a letter, designed for all U. S. Senators and Representatives, calling for "a recovery of integrity in the life of our nation" and support of legislation aimed at correcting political abuses.

It also urged consideration of a "plan for the public financing of political campaigns."

Noting the "shocking disregard for morality on the part of those involved in Watergate, the letter called on Senators and Representatives to "encourage the Senate Select Committee to preserve with its bipartisan investigation to the end that no cover-up of lawlessness will be tolerated and all lawbreakers may be brought to justice."

The letter also encouraged the national leaders to help "bring about a recommitment to those basic moral principles on which this nation has traditionally stood."

The 30-member commission, so-

cial concerns agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, approved a \$291,000 budget, up \$7,000 from last year.

and re-elected Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., as its chairman.



Plans Made For Seminary Extension

Plans were made at a meeting last week in the Baptist Building for the program of work to be carried out by Therman Bryant, who is the Seminary Extension Representative for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in the state, with assistance from the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, located in Nashville, Tenn. Seen making plans were, from left, Mr. Bryant; Dr. J. C. Bradley, associate, and Dr. Raymond Rigdon, director, of the Department in Nashville, and Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, Jackson. Mr. Bryant, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department, will carry this work along with his regular program. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer-elect, had previously met with the committee.

To reflect the Christian Life Commission's efforts to help Southern Baptists develop creative resources to minister to families, the commission changed the title of staffer Harry N. Hollis Jr. from director of special moral concerns to director of family and special moral concerns.

T. B. Maston, professor emeritus of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., examined the future and implications of Christian social ethics in the denomination — probing trends which affect the Christian social concerns of Southern Baptists.

E. Clinton Gardner of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., addressed the commission on the Christian ethics scene outside Southern Baptist circles.

The commission's 1973 Distinguished Service Award went to Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary - treasurer, and Walker L. Knight, editor, of Home Missions magazine, both of the SBC Home Mission Board, for their team effort in leading Baptists to apply Christian principles.

Maston bared his feelings on Christian social implications to the denomination of "big business" at-

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Larry Haslam Named Glorieta Manager

NASHVILLE (BP) — Larry Haslam, program and promotion specialist at Ridgcrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center, has been named manager of Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center according to Bob M. Boyd, conference center division director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Haslam has been acting manager of Glorieta since the resignation of Mark Short in early August. Short, Glorieta manager for seven years, resigned to become church administrator for South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Tex.

Before he joined the board as a church recreation consultant in 1968, Haslam was employed by the Ken-

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Cooper Honors President Of Progressive National Convention

Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, acted as host for a meeting held in Jackson recently honoring L. Venchael Booth, a native Mississippian and president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, which was holding its annual convention in Jackson at the time. Those at table, facing

camera, are, from left: Emmanuel McCall, associate secretary, Department of Work With National Baptists of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Mrs. Cooper; Mr. Cooper; Mr. Booth and Richard Brogan, director, Department of Work With National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Brotherhood Leaders Challenge Trustees To Greater Involvement

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Two national Brotherhood leaders urged trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here to take more aggressive roles in their churches, associations and states in such areas as missions, lay witnessing, and mission support.

Agency Chairman John Smarge of Silver Spring, Md., and Executive Director Glendon McCullough issued the challenge to greater involvement in major addresses opening the annual meeting of the commission.

On hand besides the 28 trustees from 22 states were advisory representatives from 6 SBC agencies and 28 state Brotherhood departments.

Chairman Smarge told fellow trustees they could begin exercising their leadership roles by personally sharing the worth of Southern Baptist mission programs for men and boys with 10 other men.

"I believe the Brotherhood Commission needs to take the lead in encouraging and calling on our fellow laymen to give financial support and personal assistance to the meaningful programs we now have and will propose in the future," Smarge said.

Smarge also urged the trustees to apply their business expertise to their jobs as denominational leaders.

"Unfortunately, we find leaders in our denominational life who perform extremely well in the business world, but fail to bring this same degree of experience and technology to our Lord's business."

"What I'm saying is that we as trustees need to commit ourselves to this job, then apply our proven business techniques to our responsibilities," said Smarge, a utilities contractor in the Washington area.

McCullough summed up the last 12 months of Brotherhood work as "up hill all the way and the grades have been steep."

"Let the word go out from this place that we have the manpower. We intend to capture its attention, motivate it to action, and find financial support to undergird its organization. I intend to move aggressively. I hope I have your support."



Leaders of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission during 1974 hold their first meeting after their election at the annual meeting of the trustees in Memphis. They are (from left) Chairman Hovie Revis, pastor, Laurel Church, Greenville, N. C.; Vice-Chairman P. A. Stevens, president of Fire Protection of Louisville, Inc., of Louisville, Ky.; Recording Secretary William Hardy, minister of education at First Church of Kosciusko, Miss., and Executive Director - Treasurer Glendon McCullough of Memphis — (Photo by Tim Fields)



The Baptist Brotherhood Commission has launched a lay witness emphasis using a special edition of *The Living New Testament* with an address by its paraphraser, Kenneth Taylor (left of Wheaton, Ill. Here he autographs a copy for William Hardy of Kosciusko, a Mississippi trustee on the Commission. — (Photo by Tim Fields)

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months of Brotherhood work as being "up hill all the way, and the grades have been steep. . . But we intend to move aggressively" in implementing a program to three million laymen and several million boys in the denomination.

In brief remarks to the commission members, Elmer West of Nashville said he was excited about the role of the agency as "a catalyst for a laymen's liberation movement" in the Southern Baptist Convention.

West, director of program development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, attended as one of six advisory representatives from SBC agencies.

Besides the commission's board of directors, about 50 staff members of Brotherhood departments for state Baptist conventions attended sessions in an advisory capacity.

The commission's 1974 annual session is scheduled in Memphis, Aug. 22-23.



Visitors From Montana

Rev. John Lane, pastor, and Louis Burton, deacon, of Kirkwood Church, Bozeman, Montana, visited the Baptist Record office last week. Kirkwood has been adopted as a "sister" church by First Church, Jackson, and the men were visiting Mississippi in the interest of their program in Montana.



L. Venchael Booth, left, president of the Progressive National (black) Baptist Convention, was presented the Governor's Outstanding Mississippian Award by Gov. William Waller, right, when the group held its 12th annual convention recently in Jackson. Booth, a native of Covington County, Miss., was recognized by the governor for his "international leadership" in the field of religion. He is one of 12 vice-presidents of the Baptist World Alliance and is pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. (BP Photo by Jackson, Miss., Clarion-Ledger)

Baptistries May Harbor Bacteria Bearing Disease

NASHVILLE (BP) — Health officials here — alarmed by visions of bacteria and green slime — have initiated a water — sampling survey of Nashville — area church baptistries.

"It has come to my attention that some churches empty baptistries only once every month or two," said Dr. Joseph Bistowish, director of the Metro Health Department.

His staff inspectors will test for disease — bearing bacteria in a representative sample of baptistries and check the walls of the pool to determine whether "slime" has accumulated there, said Bistowish, a Southern Baptist.

"Unless baptistries are hand chlorinated and have circulation and filtration systems they should be emptied after every baptismal service," Bistowish said.

"I don't know if such circulation and filtration equipment is available for baptistries but that approach — along with chlorination — would be the ideal method of holding down disease," he said. He said chlorination should be "at least" the minimum "safeguard" for all church baptistries.

A large percentage of people "chronically carry staphylococci bacteria in their nose and throat which can produce disease" he said.

Bistowish said the health of the baptismal candidates (who may have upper respiratory disease, carry intestinal organisms or have open sores), personal cleanliness and water temperature are factors in baptismal pollution. Excessive bacteria, he explained "could conceivably" transmit skin disease and even salmonella of typhoid.

He said many pastors use a cloth to cover the mouth and nose of persons they baptize, but that "won't necessarily prevent disease." He cautioned against use of the same cloth for more than one candidate for baptism.

"You would almost have to consider a baptism to be just like a swimming pool," added Bistowish, whose department also inspects public swimming pools.

Nomination Blanks For "Alumnus Of Year" Ready Now

Individuals desiring to submit nominations for "Alumnus of the Year" for 1973 at Mississippi College should do so immediately, according to Mr. Charles Lewis of Meridian, chairman of the selection committee.

Mr. Lewis said nominations must be received by the selection committee prior to their meeting on Sept. 22. Winner of the coveted honor will be announced during Homecoming activities at the college on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Nomination blanks outlining information needed on each nominee may be secured from the Alumni Office at the college. Nominations can also be made in letter form, provided complete biographical information is given.

Under rules established by the Alumni Association, all nominees must have been out of college for at least 15 years. The award is limited to those, who, through a long period of years, have worked with marked intelligence and success to promote the highest interest of Mississippi College and their home communities.

The committee will also be receiving nominations for the "Order of the Golden Arrow" Award initiated last year.

Persons desiring to make nominations for either of the awards should mail their entries to Dr. F. D. Hewitt, Director of Alumni Affairs, P. O. Box 4027, Clinton, Miss., 39058, or to one of the committee members.

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26, New Prospect; Lebanon: 16, McLaughlin; 16, Immanuel; Lee: 15, Calvary; Tupelo: 16, East Mt. Zion; 16, First, Nettleton; Leflore: 22, Phillips; 23, First, Greenwood; Lincoln: 25, Central; 26, Gun Grove; Lowndes: 22, First, Columbus; 23, Mt. Zion; Marion: 8, Crystelle Ford Auditorium; 9, Foxworth; Marshall: 8, Clear Creek; 9, Mt. Moriah; Mississippi: 25, Mt. Olive; 26, Mars Hill; Monroe: 15, Center Hill; 16, New Hope; Montgomery: 22, Scotland; 23, Bethesda; Neshoba: 16, North Calvary, Philadelphia; 17, Good Hope, Philadelphia; New Choctaw: 5, Corinth; 6, Corinth; Newton: 22, Hickory; 23, Clark; Venable; Noxubee: 15, First, Macon; 16, First, Macon; Oktibbeha: 11, Emmanuel; 12, Sturgis; Panama: 15, Peach Creek; 16, First, Batesville; Pearl River: 15, Pine Grove; 16, Pine Grove; Perry: 22, First, Richton; 23, First, Richton; Pike: 18, Johnston Station; 19, Johnston Station; Ponto-

toc: 18, First, Pontotoc; 19, Endville; Prentiss: 15, Tusculumbia; 16, Ingram; Quitman: 15, Sledge; 16, Crowder; Rankin: 22, Pearl; 23, Richland; Riverside: 8, Riverside; Clarksdale: 9, Riverside; Scott: 22, Ludlow; 23, Springfield; Sharkey; Issaquena: 15, Delta City; 16, Delta City; Simpson: 22, First, Magee; 23, Oak Grove, Mendonhall; Smith: 15, Sardis; 16, First, Polkville; Sunflower: 9, Fairview, Indianola; 9, Inverness; Tallahatchie: 10, Cowart; 11, Webb; Tate: 15, Looxahoma; 16, Looxahoma; Tippah: 15, Walnut; 16, Walnut; Tishomingo: 16, Burnsville; 17, Calvary; Union: 15, Fayette; 16, Union Church; Union County: 23, Northside; 24, Ingram; Walthall: 15, Calvary; 16, Calvary; Warren: 22, Northside; 23, Woodlawn; Washington: 16, Second, Greenville; Wayne: 22, Big Creek; 23, Mt. Zion; Winston: 15, First, Louisville; 16, Ellison Ridge; Yalobusha: 22, First, Coffeeville; 23, Friendship; Yazoo: 25, Calvary; 26, Calvary; Zion: 22, Pilgrom's Rest; 23, Alva.

Fulbright To Lead In Hub City Sunday School Workers Seminar

Robert Fulbright, supervisor, Children's Section, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee will be leading in a Sunday School Workers Seminar at First Church, Hattiesburg, September 24-26.

The Preschool and Children's Section of the Sunday School Board is responsible for developing program and providing curriculum materials for use in Southern Baptist churches for children, birth through sixth grade. Almost three million preschoolers and children are enrolled in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools across the nation.

A native of North Carolina, Fulbright is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Furman University. He received his master's of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Fulbright is co-author of the book, "Children's Sunday School Work," and author of the 1971 Broadman Press release, "New Dimensions in Teaching Children."

Farrell Blankenship, minister of education at First, Hattiesburg said, "we are fortunate to get the services in a local church of Dr. Robert Fulbright and other age group lead-

ers that are coming for our Seminar." He added that "training of teachers and other leaders in our churches is of primary importance, and is a strong foundation for anything we hope to accomplish in God's work."

The three day seminar includes, in addition to Mr. Fulbright, the following age group conference leaders:

Preschool, workers with three's and younger, and Preschool general conferences, Mrs. Willa Ruth Garlow of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Garlow is author of many Southern Baptist preschool materials; workers with 4's and 5's, Miss Janet Abernathy, Preschool Director, First Church, Biloxi; workers with First and Second Grades, Mrs. Dennis Kissingner, Children's Division Director, First Church, Vicksburg; workers with Third and Fourth Grades, Mrs. Marlan Seward, Children's Division Director, Alta Woods Church, Jackson; workers with Fifth and Sixth Grades, and children general conferences, Mr. Fulbright.

Workers with Youth will be led by James Hardin, Minister of Youth at Ridgecrest, Jackson; workers with Adults will be led by Joe Hines, Minister of Adult Education, South Main Church, Houston, Texas.



SBC Business Officers Group Meets

Officers of the Southern Baptist Business Officers met recently at the Baptist Building in Jackson for the purpose of planning the program for the 1974 annual conference and are seen above, along with leaders from the Baptist Building as well as Bill Sellers and Mike Wilkerson, both of Jackson, who are officers of the SBC Computer Users Association. Mr. Sellers is business manager of the Baptist Record and supervisor of data processing for the State Convention Board while Mr. Wilkerson is assistant administrator for the Baptist Hospital. In picture, from left: Paul Bickford, Okla.; Milton Curtis, Ala.; L. Taylor Daniel, Texas; Mrs. Janie Neal, Texas; Joe Baker, N.C.; Leon Spencer, N.C.; Robert Herring, Texas; Lynn May, Tenn.; Mr. Sellers and Mr. Wilkerson.

Annual State Brotherhood Banquet

The state annual Brotherhood Banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Parkway Church, Jackson, November 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets for the banquet meal are available through the State Brotherhood Office, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 at \$2.00 per person. Men who are planning to attend are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible.

John Bewley, widely known entertainer—ventriloquist and magician, will be the feature attraction for the banquet program.

The Department is encouraging men to bring some of their older Royal Ambassadors to the banquet.



100th ANNIVERSARY MARKED — Lt. Gov. William Winter (2nd from left) visited the Blue Mountain College Campus Wednesday as the school marked the observance of its 100th birthday. On hand to greet Winter were (from left) BMC President Harold Fisher, Baptist Education Commission President Levon Moore and President of the BMC Board of Trustees Henry Whitfield of Tupelo.

Missionaries Safe In Chile

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As soon as communication channels reopen, further contact will be made with the missionaries to determine in detail the effect of the coup on Baptist work in Chile.

At present, 43 Southern Baptist missionaries live in Chile, and six additional new missionaries have been appointed to serve there.

In his report, Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said the 1974 budget will be the largest ever considered by the board, but there will still be millions of dollars requested by the missions which can't be provided due

to the normal growth of the work and to dollar devaluation and inflation.

"We are grateful to Southern Baptists for sustained increase in missionary giving so that we can meet these circumstances as well as possible," he said.

Louis Cobbs, secretary of the board's department of missionary personnel, said 1973 missionary appointments, already ahead of the 1972 total, may exceed 200 before the end of the year.

He reported commissioning of a record 75 missionary journeymen for two-year periods of service overseas and awarding of six medical receptor-

ships to volunteer third-year medical students for some 10 weeks service overseas.

Cobbs also noted the success of 56 college students who served overseas this summer under the sponsorship of Baptist Student Unions.

He reported the itinerary for the new musical missions team, GRAM, is now filled through December with 45 performances and programs in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The Convention President Speaks

One of the characters in the Bible is named Son of Encouragement. In my opinion, this is a wonderful tribute to a person's character.

Maybe you know and maybe you do not know, but I have been on the bed now for almost a week with what the doctor has called severe muscle spasms in my back. Even though we already had a guest speaker for Sunday, September 9, I was not able to go to church. I have been going to a physical therapist each day and back home to bed. On Thursday, September 13, I thought I was better and went to the office to work. It was while I was there that I received a telephone call. It was long distance and the friend said something like this. "It's not long until the Convention and I just wanted to call and tell you we are praying for you." Along with this comment, there were other words of encouragement and commendation.

A few minutes after that telephone call, I went to my doctor and received the word that I was not doing well. He sent me back to my bed. I am writing these words while on my back, but I am grateful to people who could be named "Encouragement."

Don't forget to speak a good word to someone. They may need it more than you realize. — David Grant.

Larry Haslam - - -

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tucky Baptist Convention as assistant manager of Cedarvale Baptist Assembly, Bagdad. Earlier, he was assistant manager of Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly, Talladega, Ala., and has held two pastorates in Alabama and four interim pastorates in Kentucky.

A religious education graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., Haslam holds the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He received special training in the field of camping at Indiana University.

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tional ministries, and will work with the administrators of nine schools, four children's homes, and eight hospitals.

In the past, Mr. Landes has been president of the Texas Baptist Convention, which represents some 4,400 Southern Baptist congregations, and has also served as chairman of the Texas Baptist executive board.

"Keep up the competitive spirit—when competition steps out monopoly moves in." — Mrs. Gary Hlott, The Pickens (S.C.) Sentinel.

Warsaw Baptist Chapel Is Damaged By Arson

Arson and vandalism, resulting from a break-in on Sunday evening July 29, completely destroyed a room on the left wing of the chapel at the Warsaw Baptist church.

More than 300 Bibles and New Testaments had been temporarily stored there while awaiting shipment to correspondents of the radio programme, "Good News from Warsaw," sponsored by the Polish Baptist Union. The Scripture portions formed the remaining part of 1000 received this past spring from the Norwegian Bible Society, a gift arranged through Dr. Gunter Wieske, Chairman of the Evangelism Committee of the European Baptist Federation.

In addition, 1-1/2 tons of printing

stock had been stacked in the room. It was destined for use in a book being published by the Baptist Union.

The blaze rendered Bibles and printing stock unusable.

The chapel interior suffered smoke damage and a broken window through which entry upon the premises was made.

Although water and smoke damage made police laboratory tests inconclusive, both detectives and Baptists authorities agreed that robbery was the probable motive for the break-in. When no money nor valuables could be found the vandals set the fire in retaliation, they believe.

It was the fifth church building to be damaged by arson this year in

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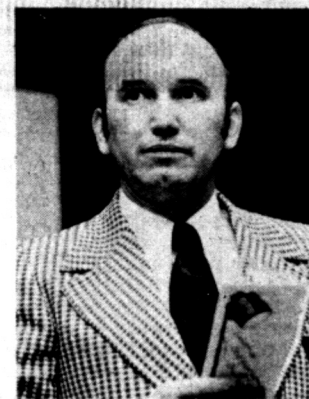


Creative Communications Clinic

Out-of-town personalities for the Creative Communications Clinic held August 23-24 at Broadmoor, Jackson, were, 1 to 4: Dr. James Pleitz, pastor, First Church, Pensacola, Florida, who dealt with the use of television in outreach; George Fletcher, architect, Sunday School Board, Nashville, who dealt with the proper architecture in sanctuary communication; Ragan Courtney, dramatist, Second Church, Little Rock, Ark., who dealt with musical drama in workshop; Mrs. Kathy McNair, music assistant, Church Music Department; Dr. David Grant, Broadmoor, host pastor; Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department. This event sponsored by the Church Music Department, MBCB, involved ministers, ministers of music, ministers of youth, ministers of education, church building committees, and architects.



Mrs. Derryl Billingsly, First Church, Kosciusko, demonstrated the use of puppets in children's worship services.



Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor, First, Moss Point, was coordinator for the Creative Communications Clinic.

Computer Seminars Being Held

One in a series of computer seminars was recently held at the Baptist Building under sponsorship of A. L. Nelson, comptroller and business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

These seminars are being held at the request of business managers and executives of other state Baptist conventions who want to observe how the Mississippi Baptist business office is using the computer in its operations.

Mr. Nelson, upon questioning, said that in the local office, using the computer, "we are getting more effective cost control, much more rapidly and at a substantial savings in book-keeping costs."

Mr. Nelson added that the computer program is being carried out in cooperation with the Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The Mississippi computer operation was presented in February to the annual meeting of the state Executive Secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Biloxi and was later shown to the Southern Baptist Business Officers Association in March in its meeting held in Dallas, Texas.

The next seminar is scheduled for Oct. 26 when leaders from the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and perhaps others, will be present.

SPRE-E '73 Makes Impact On People Of England

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tending the week of SPRE-E were under 21 years of age. Attendance figures averaged 18,880 per night at Earls Court; police estimated the Wembley crowd at 30,100.

The announced goal of SPRE-E was to train serious-minded Christians to articulate their faith with love. Delegates were accommodated in church halls and schools throughout London. Training sessions in the morning were followed by active witnessing trips to public places, including Hyde Park and Trafalgar Square; and visits to some 140,000 homes in the Earls Court district.

At night the extended musical program was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm. Peter Meadows, editor of "Buzz" Magazine, explained that it was merely the surfacing of a movement that has been evident in the churches for the last two years. "Up till now," he said, "we have only seen the tip of the iceberg. SPRE-E has made it all visible. European young people have discovered how to express their love for Jesus Christ."

A young Swedish choir called "Choralerna," 38 strong, made a strong impact on the evening rallies and at Wembley. The musical sessions were followed by Mr. Graham speaking on special SPRE-E themes, such as "love," "assurance," "commitment," and "social involvement."

Group leaders reported the young people were staying up till 2 or 3 a.m. to sing and pray. The main topic of conversation was the experience they had in parks and on streets as they talked to people about Jesus Christ. Their house to house visitation was undertaken in cooperation with local churches. Observers commented on the energy and happiness of the young people. Their exuberance was such that the London Transport asked SPRE-E organizers to request the delegates not to sing so loudly on trains and in Underground stations, as other passengers could not hear the announcements.

One of a group of 14-year-olds from High Wymcombe said, "It's meant so much to all of us. The most fantastic thing is just being with so many thousands of young Christians like us from all over the world. We're never going to forget SPRE-E." A 15-year-old girl from Northern Ireland said, "It's shown me how important it is to be able to communicate properly with people."

Peter Oliver of Bournemouth, age 22, came back from his first day of witnessing and reported, "It was as good for me as it was for them."

Nicholas Colby, 17, of London, told of witnessing to a French student who seemed indifferent to the claims of Christ, but who came up to him next day at Earls Court saying, "I've found Him! I've found Him!" Martin Lange, whose father is a pastor in Fraz, Austria, said that SPRE-E "has shown me a lot more young people than I thought are serving the Lord. David Hunt of Manchester said, 'I came for training and I got it.'"

The final assessment of SPRE-E '73 will have to wait. It showed beyond any doubt that the "Jesus Movement" of a few years ago has moved into the churches. The emphasis on Christian instruction, based on the Bible, will have a decided effect on the church life of the immediate future. Judging from the enthusiasm of the delegates as they returned home to their 26 countries, the purpose of SPRE-E was achieved.

Warsaw Baptist Chapel Is Damaged By Arson

Arson and vandalism, resulting from a break-in on Sunday evening July 29, completely destroyed a room on the left wing of the chapel at the Warsaw Baptist church.

More than 300 Bibles and New Testaments had been temporarily stored there while awaiting shipment to correspondents of the radio programme, "Good News from Warsaw," sponsored by the Polish Baptist Union. The Scripture portions formed the remaining part of 1000 received this past spring from the Norwegian Bible Society, a gift arranged through Dr. Gunter Wieske, Chairman of the Evangelism Committee of the European Baptist Federation.

In addition, 1-1/2 tons of printing

stock had been stacked in the room. It was destined for use in a book being published by the Baptist Union.

The blaze rendered Bibles and printing stock unusable.

The chapel interior suffered smoke damage and a broken window through which entry upon the premises was made.

Although water and smoke damage made police laboratory tests inconclusive, both detectives and Baptists authorities agreed that robbery was the probable motive for the break-in. When no money nor valuables could be found the vandals set the fire in retaliation, they believe.

It was the fifth church building to be damaged by arson this year in

the city.

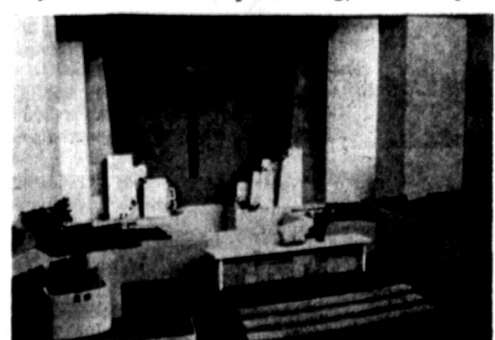
A greater tragedy was avoided by the alertness of neighbors in the apartment development surrounding the Baptist church - and union building complex, erected in 1960.

Persons living in an upper story across the street spotted a red glow about midnight. Not finding immediately the telephone number of the Baptist center, they called friends whom they knew attended services there occasionally.

Their friends alerted the Baptists while the neighbors who gave the first warning called firemen. Within minutes after Baptist leaders crossed the few steps from their apartments to the chapel building, the fire depart-



At Warsaw Baptist Church in Poland, 300 Scripture portions and 1 1/2 tons of printing stock were destroyed in a fire set July 29 by arsonists.



The interior of the chapel at Warsaw Baptist Church was spared during the fire, except for smoke damage. The fire was in an adjacent room.

Group Confronts Social Issues

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titudes, ultra-conservatism, anti-intellectualism, denominational publishing efforts, threats to freedom of press and conscience, the charismatic movement and maintenance of Biblical and theological foundations for ministry.

He warned that administrators of multi-million-dollar SBC agencies could develop a "big business perspective" and lose touch with the common man. The same could be true, he said, of denominational workers and church staffers who live in the suburbs and have a standard of living which would tend to divert their sympathies to the privileged.

Noting a trend toward ultra-conservatism in the SBC, Maston said "it is a threat" because "extreme conservatives have little interest in social morality or social concern in general."

Maston also expressed concern about a "constantly latent" anti-intellectual trend among Southern Baptists which stifles and "impoverishes."

He also defended freedom of state Baptist papers against encroachment from some state denominational leaders who would make the papers "little more than promotional agencies."

"It's doubtful if there's anything that threatens a democracy, religious or political, more than a controlled press," he said.

Maston also touched on the need for Broadman Press, publishing arm of the SBC, to publish more quality

books which "will serve the needs of a segment of our constituency (the more educated and sophisticated) that tends to be neglected."

In clarifying his statement, Maston said Broadman Press "has published many fine books," but added, "they seem to be pushing mainly subjects they think will sell, such as on the charismatic movement."

He said, "All of us should work to cultivate an atmosphere among Southern Baptists" which would give greater freedom to Broadman Press and its writers. He said it is "tragic" that many books will never be written because potential authors, "particularly the teachers in our seminaries," are afraid to do so because of economic pressures from within Southern Baptist ranks.

The pioneer Christian social ethicist cautioned Southern Baptists to maintain concern for personal morality as well as social morality, to stay close to the Bible, to center ministry on people — especially the underprivileged and downtrodden — and "couple a basically conservative theological stance with our social concern."

Maston told the commission it has had impact on SBC programs and agencies during the past 20 years but warned it to guard itself against success.

"The better the work of this commission gets and the more established and accepted it is by the denomination, the greater will be the temptation of magnifying its ministry of service and minimizing its ministry of challenge."

"It must fulfill both a priestly and prophetic function in our denomination."

He said the Christian Life Commission and all those interested in applied Christianity lack the unifying and cohesive issue "to give us a sense of mission and urgency we had a few years ago with the race issue."

Increased concern with people and their needs, he said, will surface important social issues — including a possible rediscovery of the race issue.

PENANG, Malaysia — A scholarship fund in the memory of Marion Moore, former missionary associate to Malaysia, has been established at the Malaysia - Singapore Baptist Theological Seminary here. She and her husband, Vernon Lee Moore, returned to their home state of Florida three months before her death in July.

ment was on hand and was able to contain the blaze to the immediate area.

Police were notified after someone discovered the broken window at the building entrance. The report of the emergency squad which arrived immediately led to fuller investigation by a detective force and laboratory crew the following morning.

Tests apparently showed that juveniles were responsible.

Total damage was estimated by a Baptist union official at approximately \$0,000 zlotys (\$2500 at the "quoted" exchange rate). Due to vacation periods of Baptist center staff it could not immediately be determined whether insurance would cover the loss.

In other action the commission approved a six per cent cost of living raise for staff members and slated its 1975 national seminar, which will deal with integrity, for Louisville, March 10 - 12. The 1974 seminar on economics will be March 25-27 in Houston.

Dr. Gerald Martin Named President, Hannibal-LaGrange

Robert O. Park, chairman of the trustees of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., announces the appointment of Dr. Gerald Martin, pastor of Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis, as president of the college.

Dr. Martin, a Georgian, was formerly president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference. He is the author of several books, including *Sir, We Would See Jesus*, the history of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Hannibal-LaGrange is a Missouri Baptist institution located at Hannibal, a city in northeast Missouri. This is the city where Mark Twain grew up, so it is the hometown of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

Ann Landers To Speak At MC

Ann Landers, the world's most widely syndicated columnist, will be on the Mississippi College campus September 21 as guest speaker for the college's Lyceum series.

She will speak at 8 p.m. in Nelson Auditorium on the campus.

A native of Sioux City, Iowa, Ann Landers attended Morningside College. Her column now appears in nearly 800 newspapers, and she has a staff of 11 secretaries to handle the approximately 30,000 letters she receives each month asking for advice.

Having received honors too numerous to list, she is the only woman serving the AMA Advisory Board, a member of the Visiting Committee for the Board of Overseers for Harvard Medical School, a member of the Founder's Committee for Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minn., and serves as a trustee of the Menninger Foundation.

Ann Landers delivers about 100 speeches a year to audiences around the country. She has been a guest on numerous television shows and has her own daily radio show. The Gallup Poll says she is one of the most admired women in the United States, and according to United Press International, she is one of the ten most influential women in the world.

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Prayer In The Public Schools

There are reports of continued action in the effort to legalize prayer in the school room. According to news releases there are bills introduced for this purpose now in the congressional hoppers. Determined groups continue to press for passage of such bills through parliamentary lobbying, petition, and other means.

Some of our friends have criticized us for being less than enthusiastic about such a move. Southern Baptists have not joined in any of the pressure movements for such legislation, and we do not think they will do so. Most Southern Baptists believe that the first amendment to the constitution should not be tampered with, and also believe that Supreme Court decisions have not ruled out the type of prayer which should be allowed in the class rooms, namely private, voluntary prayer.

Living as we Mississippians do, in an area of the country which is strongly Protestant and conservative, most of us have not realized the dangers of legalized prayer in the class room. To illustrate what we mean, please consider the following true story which was related to us last week:

A Southern Baptist minister moved to the pastorate of a Southern Baptist church in a city in the Northwest. Baptists and Protestants are not overly strong in this area. The pastor's children entered the public schools.

Soon after school started, one morning at the family worship service the preacher asked his little daughter to lead the morning prayer. She began, "Hail Mary, full of grace. . . ." Her father stopped her, saying, "Wait a minute. Where did you learn to start your prayer like that?" The answer was unhesitant. "My teacher told us that is the way to pray." You can imagine that this Baptist pastor had some teaching to do to correct what his daughter had learned.

A few days later his son who was in another class in the school, came home with the question, "How do we know that our Baptist teachings are not mistaken, and the Mormons right? If God took care of all those people in Salt Lake City with the seagulls, are they not his people?" Again a Baptist father had to correct some erroneous religious teaching his son had received in the school room.

I do not believe that most of us as Baptists want Roman Catholic teachers

to teach our children that the way to pray is through Mary, or for some other teacher to tell them that the Book of Mormon is just as much a book from God as the Bible. And, of course, these people of other religious beliefs, probably do not want their children to be taught about religion by Baptists, whose doctrinal interpretations are so completely different from theirs.

Even teaching the Bible in schools as "literature" is not without its problems. If a teacher who rejects the inspiration and authority of the Bible, teaches it merely as literature with no more value than Shakespeare or Chaucer, a wrong concept of the Bible will be planted in the child's mind which will be most difficult to correct.

It is the church, and not the public school, which has the responsibility for teaching children the truths of God's Word, and the meaning of worship. If

we try to place a responsibility for religious teaching on the schools, we immediately run into problems such as those listed above. It is not our desire that the schools be so completely secularized that religious and spiritual values are left out all together. To come to such a condition would be calamity. We must not, however, swing so far in the other direction that we depend upon the public schools to do our religious teaching. If we do we shall develop a type of religion that is meaningless and valueless.

Let's allow the church to be the church, and the school the school, and ask each to respect the other, but to fill its own responsibility. When that is done the children will have both a proper education, and the right religious training. Moreover, let us not tamper with the constitution which already guarantees both.

The New Morality

The world was shocked a few years ago when certain religious leaders began to advocate a concept which came to be called "the new morality." Under it men were taught that anything was right if the individual thought that it was right. Moral standards based upon the Bible, the Ten Commandments or the Sermon on the Mount, were considered out of date. Men could do what was right in their own eyes. The idea of responsibility to God for one's conduct was scoffed at.

What has been the result of such teaching? That it has affected the life of our nation can be seen simply by looking around.

We have had rioting in the streets, destruction of public and private property, and other devastating action, simply because people had adopted the new concept that if they did not like the government, institutions, or authority, they could just proceed to tear them down or destroy them.

Immorality, as far as Christian standards are concerned, has grown perhaps as never before in the world's history. Lawlessness, crime, corruption, violence, murder, sexual promiscuity, marital unfaithfulness, pornography, filthy literature and movies,

drug abuse, drunkenness, and other ungodly acts have become commonplace, and threaten to sap the very strength of our nation. The country has been rocked by assassinations of national leaders, and by scandal and corruption in high places.

The corruption has reached even the youth, for recent stories of mass murders, sexual activity, and drug scandals are almost unbelievable. Even the winner of the national soap-box derby, an event which is just about as American as anything can be, was disqualified, and his honors and awards taken from him, because of use of forbidden materials in building his racing car. (In this case an adult uncle has accepted responsibility.)

We could list other evidences of what the new concepts of morality have done to our nation, but these are enough. They are clear evidence that when people abandon God's standards of morality, a creeping immorality quickly arises.

It is time for the nation to return to the standards upon which it was founded. The standards of the "new morality" can destroy us. The need now is to return to the foundation which cannot be shaken, the Word of God itself.

munists gained control and he never was able to return. Stephen founded the Chinese Church in London and the Chinese overseas Christian mission, so his ministry now reaches around the world.

FOR MEN ONLY by J. Allen Petersen (Tyndale, 236 pp., paper, \$1.95, cloth \$3.95) The subtitle is the dynamics of being a man and succeeding at it. Here are chapters by numerous writers on the man and himself, his marriage, his children, his business, his money, his world, and his God. A most helpful volume to help men see the place God has for them.

IN TOUCH — SELECTIONS FROM LIVING LIGHT (Tyndale, \$1.95) Devotions, no passages for everyday of the year using only quotations from the Living Bible. The book is illustrated with many attractive black and white photographs, especially planned for young people.

ATTACK FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD. A compilation (Tyndale, 223 pp., \$1.25) Experiences of many people in many places in their attacks by Satanic forces confirms the reality of Satan's activity and reveals the sufficiency of Christ in meeting the attacks.

FEED MY SHEEP compiled and edited by John H. Schaaf (Baker, paper, 162 pp., \$1.95) A manual for Sunday school teachers, superintendents, and leaders. Organization tips and teaching helps for successful Sunday schools.

EDUCATION...what's happening

NADER SCORES LACK OF CAMPUS CONCERN

"Right now, the major creative effort on college campuses is how to waste time," Ralph Nader said recently. "The student activism and the public consciousness has died," he said in calling on students to form more Public Interest Research Groups on campus.

"It is difficult to believe you are the brothers and sisters of the activists of the sixties. The issues of the sixties — civil rights, consumer protection, the war, the environment — have not disappeared, only the concern," Nader told students at New York's Hunter College.

Nader said the only sign of life on campus is the occasional activity of PIRGS, which hire lawyers, engineers, and other full-time professionals to work toward social goals.

"Each year students on about 14 campuses in 14 states put away some money to fund research groups. Professionals work full time to confront the problems of the community, whether it be housing, property taxes, unfair employment practices or environmental pollution," Nader said.



What It Amounts To

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Smith Returns To Mississippi After Wyoming Pastorate

Dear Dr. Odle:

Having pastored the Lander Valley Baptist Church in Wyoming for the last two years, I have resigned to return to Mississippi.

The work here is growing. We have some 30 members now. Plans for the church building will be in hand soon. Plans are to build next spring. The building fund shows a balance of some \$4,400. The church site has been paid for. Our average in Sunday School last month (August) was 37. The highest Sunday School attendance was 41. We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School with the help of 24 youth and 10 adults from the Griffith Memorial Church of Jackson, Miss., Rev. Wilson Winstead, Pastor. We enrolled 95, with the highest attendance of 91 present. Would you be so kind to place in the Record a note of thanks to all of those churches in Mississippi that have helped with financial support for the work here.

On behalf of the Lander Valley Baptist Church, we are eternally grateful. How we thank God for the concern of Mississippi Baptist.

Jimmie T. Smith

C. W. Thompson Expresses Gratitude For Memorable Anniversary Observance

Dear Sir:

August 5 at Mt. Zion Church, Simpson County, I learned the meaning of a preacher's 50th Anniversary in the ministry. It is a church filled to capacity with friends; a leather-bound book of letters and pictures from churches pastored, and friends; a commemorative plaque; a beautiful antique lamp; a commentary of the Gospel Records; fifty silver dollars; personal gifts from friends; an opportunity to preach a week in my home church; a formal reception on Wednesday night; a beloved pastor, Rev. Don Nerren, and Mt. Zion Church, both of whom I love beyond measure and both of whom served without limit in preparing for this anniversary.

Thanks to the Lord Who called me into the ministry and to the many friends who helped make this such a memorable occasion.

The C. W. Thompsons, Sr.

Praises Hollis Article On Drunken Driving

Dear Sir:

"Drunk Driving Is A National Scandal" by Dr. Harry Hollis, Jr. (Baptist Record, September 6) should serve to inform and alert anew a host of people as to the tragic scope of this situation. Dr. Hollis' eight points of counter attack could well be posted on the dash board of every automobile; I agree with every one of them. The most encouraging aspect of the whole article, however, is that not once did Dr. Hollis attempt to excuse this scandal by referring to alcoholism as a "disease," as is so often done.

It is my observation that people going in and out of liquor establishments are in fair to excellent health, and imbued with even more than average zest in their pursuit of the narcotic, alcohol.

In my opinion, the "disease" lie is being promulgated by the liquor people, and others, so as to eventually saddle the American taxpayer with the financial burden of this scandal. Dr. Hollis' article sets the record straight; let's keep it that way!

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A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

If somebody could do something about Mondays and mornings, I'd be the first to say, "Thanks. I needed that."

Each week is allotted one Monday, and each day one morning, supposedly. Wonder where whoever is slipping in the extras of each gets them?

If there is only one Monday a week, how can it come around so often? If there's only one morning per day, how come I have to turn off the alarm so often? Every time I turn around, either it's Monday or I'm turning off the alarm.

To make it worse, I'm married to a man who loves morning — early morning — every morning — even Monday morning. He puts his feet on the floor confidently, anxious to see what exciting, good, joyful, resurging things God is about to do for him. His theme song is "Something good is going to happen" and he can't wait to see what. (The air-conditioner breaks, but the good thing is that we can pay for having it fixed and don't have to swelter in the heat. The car breaks down with a boy, but the good thing is that it didn't happen at midnight on the road, 150 miles from home the night before.) I feel that way about life, too, but not until nine o'clock in the morning and not until Tuesday, or maybe by late Monday afternoon.

One of James's favorite books in the Bible has always been Hebrews. This just may be the source of his confidence in the living God, the acceptance of and the living by these lovely verses about believing, trusting, having faith, holding on to your confidence, casting it not aside.

When we think of all the people, we a k, human beings in whom we put trust every day, it seems a little absurd that we cannot put confidence in God, doesn't it? Yet we mope around and muddle through day after day, casting our confidence in God aside.

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" is one of the most beautiful prayers in the scriptures to me. It doesn't have to be prayed today after such gross sins as adultery and murder. It should be prayed after sins like misplaced trust, ungrounded fear, trivial worry, all those seemingly small things that stack up in a pile and cover us with sadness and push joy and peace out of our hearts.

It really is a great life (even Mondays and mornings), and something good is always happening, and I'm thankful.

What greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of worship? — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Give not from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of your heart.

Stewardship puts the Golden Rule into business instead of the Rule of Gold.

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are as bold as a lion."

Before passing judgment on a sermon be sure to try it out in practice.

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NEWEST BOOKS

COFFEE WITH THE PARSON by Bob Barker (Broadman Press, paper, 60 pp., \$1.50) Intimate, informal messages from an Alabama pastor's television program. Dr. Bob is pastor at Chickasaw. Viewers of Mobile's Channel 10-TV have enjoyed his "Coffee with the Parson" program for 14 years.

BRO. GOODBODY AND THE RED BRICK CHURCH by George Clark (Broadman, 64 pp., \$1.50) Through eyes which see through a good sense of humor, the author lets the reader laugh at himself and others who are seen in the average church. Perhaps some of the pictures are a bit overdrawn, but many of us will find ourselves and others whom we know mirrored in these pages.

TEACHING FOR DECISION by Richard L. Dresselhaus (Gospel, 124 pp., \$1.25) Messages to the Christian teacher on the purpose and plan for his teaching.

On The MORAL SCENE...

Unequal Justice for All — An exhaustive study of the justice system in Los Angeles County, one of the largest, most complex, and most respected justice systems in the country, helped confirm a dismal picture of criminal justice in the United States. According to the Rand study, "The pattern perceived is that most offenders are not arrested, most arrestees are never prosecuted, most convictions are accomplished by accepting guilty pleas to lesser offenses, and most defendants who are sentenced to correctional institutions return to criminal behavior soon after they are released." —(From "Newsline," pp. 14-16, *Psychology Today*, August, 1973)

Industry and Pollution — At present rates of spending, U. S. business and industry will require more than three years to meet pollution-control laws and regulations now on the books. According to a McGraw-Hill survey, an expenditure of \$22.3 billion is needed to catch up, compared with planned outlays of \$6.2 billion this year. During the next three years, U. S. business expects to increase its total antipollution expenditures by only 15%. Capital spending on pollution in 1973 will amount to 5.9 percent of all capital investment — a figure that is expected to remain constant over the next three years. — (World, 7-31-73)

Preposterous — State Rep. Louis Maletto recently said the probability of television blackout of professional football games played in Connecticut this fall is "one of the great issues of our time. On football Sunday, it probably enrages more people than high meat prices, gasoline shortages or Watergate-stained politicians all put together." —(The Nashville Tennessean, 8-16-73)

HOW TO CHOOSE A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE by Robert Webber (Creation House, \$4.95, 208 pp.) This book answers questions which cross the minds of every student on his way to college. The author, an educator, has done research on over 200 major liberal arts and Bible colleges throughout the U.S. and Canada. Up to date information on majors, finances, scholarships, and many other items are covered in more than forty pages of charts.

ROUGH EDGES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (InterVarsity, paper, 95c) Eight Bible studies for individual or group. A person does not automatically become perfect when he becomes a Christian, but God will help him to smoothe the "rough edges."

THE IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHING IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL by Gaines S. Dobbins (Convention Press, 139 pp., paper, New Church Study Course).

The incomparable Dr. Dobbins writes about improving our teaching, ourselves, our Bible study, our learners, our aims, our preparation, our understanding and use of method, our teaching procedures, and our use of curriculum materials for Sunday School.

CHURCH WEEKDAY EARLY EDUCATION TEACHER'S GUIDE by Doris Haver Rouse (Convention Press, 173 pp., paper). Curriculum resources for day care, kindergarten nursery school, and other pre-school programs.

THE SIMPLE LIFE by Vernard Eller (Eerdmans, paper, 122 pp., \$2.25) A discussion of the Christian stance toward possessions "as taught by Jesus interpreted by Kierkegaard and presented now by Vernard Eller."

THE HOUSE OF HAPPINESS STORY by Campbell Long (Selma Printing Service, Selma, Ala., paper, 95 pp., \$4). A vivid story of a pioneer Appalachian Mountain mission in north Alabama near Scottsboro operated for 30 years (1923-1953) by the Episcopal Church. Interdenominational in appeal. The mission was first under the direction of Miss Augusta Martin, indomitable Alabama woman who laid the foundation for this Christian social service for underprivileged highlanders. Miss Nettie Barnwell of Yazoo City was associated with the House of Happiness Mission and gave facts to Mrs. Long in preparation for the history. The author worked for this mission when she was a young college graduate. Copies are available from her (Mrs. Campbell Long) at 401 Green St., Marion, Ala. 36756. (Review by Mary Clay Lloyd, Starkville)

STEPHEN THE CHINESE PASTOR by Mary Wang with Gwen & Edward England (Tyndale, 266 pp., \$1.45) The story of Stephen Wang, a Chinaman who found Christ when a Christian pastor came to his village. In 1948 while he was out of his country, the Com-

Foy Valentine: A Personal Profile

By David Gooch, Staff Writer
Christian Life Commission, SBC

To some Southern Baptists, he's a "burr under the saddle"; to some, he's the "leader of the loyal opposition"; to others, he's a "giver of hope."

For Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission since 1960, has been a figure of controversy.

Some have branded him "to liberal"; others call him "an ultra-conservative."

Like any institutional chief, his image and that of the commission are blurred together. And, in Valentine's case, this observation is accurate for more than one reason.

When he became executive secretary of the commission on June 1, 1960, he and the office secretary were the commission staff. In those days, criticism of the commission started and stopped with Valentine simply because there was no one else to pass the buck to.

Although the scene has changed drastically since then, Valentine's convictions and concerns and commitments still are apparent in the work of the agency.

Throughout the years that he has headed the Christian Life Commission, he has doggedly pressed on Southern Baptists the demands of the gospel in regard to moral concerns and social action. (He is a firm believer in the value of tension, a lesson he attributes to the teaching of his Southwestern Seminary ethics professor, T. B. Maston.) This constant pressure from Valentine has been the cause of many of the comments made about him.

His approach to the application of the gospel is more than a response to the commission's program statement which he helped formulate when he first came to his job; it is the natural expression of his personal convictions.

"My own commitment to the lordship of Jesus Christ demands a Bible-based and experience-rooted theology coupled with a radical obedience to God in regard to all the social issues that affect people made in God's image," Valentine explains.

He insists that the commission staff base their programs, writings, and statements firmly on Bible foundations. He encourages the staff to search the Scriptures to ascertain the Christian's responsibility to see that God's will be done in this world about a particular issue or concern. This approach is reflected in the heavy biblical orientation of the commission's materials.

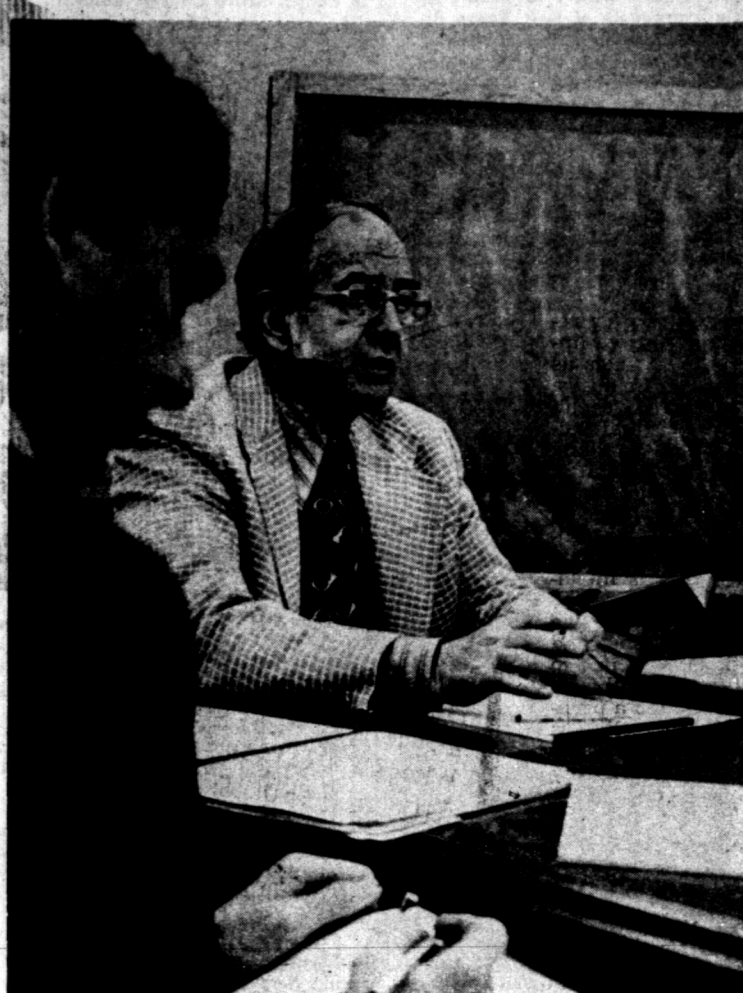
The stress on specific practical suggestions of application in the commission's pamphlets and programs likewise probably finds its roots in Valentine's experience. He sometimes speaks of the days when he was a young pastor in Texas and the need he had for encouragement and suggestions for implementing his Christian concerns. He had pastored churches in Cedar Valley and Jonah, Tex., while in college and at Golden, Texas, while a seminarian. Later he was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Gonzales, Texas.

Valentine is a native Texan. His speech attests to his origins. His wife, Mary Louise, although they've made their home in Nashville since 1960, still claims Texas as home. Valentine was born into a farm home near Edgewood, Texas on July 3, 1923. His upbringing was consistent with stereotypes one might have of growing up during the Depression on an East Texas farm with a Baptist deacon daddy and a Sunday School teaching mother. He went away to the big Texas Baptist school for his education — Baylor University. There Valentine successfully completed a triple major in Bible, speech, and English and was elected permanent president of his senior class. He got his bachelor of arts degree in 1944 and still likes to go back to Baylor for homecoming festivities.

He entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and earned both the master of theology degree in 1947 and the doctor of theology degree in 1949 when he had just turned 26. He completed his doctoral work in 1949 after first serving as a special representative in race relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and then as director of Baptist student activities for the colleges of Houston. His doctoral dissertation was entitled, "A Historical Study of Southern Baptists and Race Relations: 1917-1947." (Valentine received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Southwestern Seminary's alumni association in 1970.)

While in seminary, he dated a young lady, a Rice University graduate from Houston, whom he later married, also named Valentine — Mary Louise.

In 1950, he was called to pastor the First Baptist Church of Gonzales. He served there until he accepted the position of director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, a post he held for seven years. During his years at the Texas commission, he directed the development of an ambitious literature project dealing with Christian social ethics. Three sets of pamphlets called "The Bible Speaks," "Christian Principles Applied," and "Christian Answers to Family Problems" proved to be both popular and durable. The series on family life was only recently replaced by new, updated materials while



Dr. Valentine, right, leads a conference discussion

the "Christian Principles Applied" and most of "The Bible Speaks" pamphlets are still being used.

When he accepted the post as executive secretary and became the entire professional staff of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, it was a fledgling agency, relatively new-born after a long history (about 50 years) of struggle to fund a permanent convention-wide organization to emphasize the social imperatives of the gospel. Southern Baptists had been reluctant to get involved in social action except in such areas as the fight against alcohol and gambling where there was not just consensus but practically unanimity.

But finally there came to be a Southern Baptist commitment to the broader causes of social concern and the man to lead the movement. Since he moved to Nashville to take the reins of the Christian Life Commission, the commission has faced the issues and built a broader base of support among Southern Baptists. The staff has been enlarged to expand the work of the commission and thereby reach many more Southern Baptists with the message of applied Christianity in daily living. Valentine is quick to credit the commission's two previous leaders, Hugh Brimm and A. C. Miller (to whom he is still very close), as the early architects of the agency's destiny. "They led courageously and well when the going was really tough," he says.

Valentine approaches his responsibilities with an enthusiasm that verges on workaholicism. Sometimes he turns out more than 30 letters along with other projects in a single day. His work day begins before eight and often the clock is nearing six when he begins to return his desk to its nightly look of meticulous neatness. He stuffs the papers and letters and memos into his large brown briefcase and lugs home the unfinished work. Many evenings at home, he spends some time drafting more letters, preparing this or that report, finishing an editorial on race relations or citizen participation in government, reading over a draft of an article by a staff member, or he begins work

SAIGON, Vietnam — The story of the prodigal son is being told to the Vietnamese people through "Home, With Love," the first movie ever produced by Baptist missionaries here. The color movie, directed by Vietnamese director Minh Dang Khanh, uses only one professional actor, with Khanh, members of his family and acquaintances in other roles to save expense. Khanh told missionaries that although he is not a Christian, he was deeply moved by the story he was asked to portray and is interested in studying more of the Bible. Copies of the movie are being made in the United States.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — The Gospel of Luke was the subject of the second annual Hoke Smith Jr. Biblical Lectures presented here recently. Named for a Southern Baptist missionary to Latin America who served 18 years prior to his death in 1970, the lectures are sponsored by the Costa Rica Baptist Theological Institute. The five-day evening lectures were delivered for the second year by Charles A. Allen Jr., missionary teacher at the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Cali, Colombia.

"Remember when the doctor was giving you a good bill of health when he told you that you were sound as a dollar?" — William R. Lewis, The Lynden (Wash.) Tribune.

on another speech.

Some evenings, particularly if he has brought home a guest for dinner, he brings out the Scrabble board for a highly competitive round of his and Mary Louise's favorite parlor game. There is some question in the guest's mind as to whether Valentine is competing with himself or the guest, though. He is a word merchant of sorts and is himself a grammarian par excellence. The crafting of a sermon or speech is another of his delights.

And, being a lover of words, he enjoys a quick volley with a punster, and he still finds time for an occasional set of tennis with one of his daughters.

Usually there is a book in the making on one of the burners of the Valentine stove. He already has six titles to his credit. Broadman Press published *Believe and Behave* in 1964 and *Citizenship for Christians* in 1965. *The Cross in the Marketplace* was published in 1966 by Word Books and *Where the Action Is: Studies in James* in 1969. Two of these have been translated into Spanish and a third has been selected for translation. He was compiler and editor of *Christian Faith in Action*, which was published by Broadman in 1956. In 1967, Word Books released *Peace! Peace!* which Valentine compiled and edited. Many of his sermons and speeches have been published in books and periodicals.

As a lecturer and speechmaker, Valentine is often in demand. In 1963, he held the special Wilson Lectureship in Applied Christianity at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas. He was guest lecturer in Christian ethics at the international European Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland in 1966. William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, conferred the doctor of divinity degree on Valentine in 1966. Program responsibilities and speaking engagements keep him flying back and forth across the country in a dizzying schedule. Adjustments to time zone changes are an occupational hazard for him.

Other responsibilities that result from his commission position and his personal commitment include serving as co-chairman of the Baptist World's Alliance Commission on Religious Liberty and Human Rights, as a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and a member of the board of trustees of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Locally in Metropolitan Nashville, he serves as a member of the Human Relations Commission.

Even though Valentine says that the Christian Life Commission is now better staffed and better equipped than it has ever been to carry out the program assignment of Southern Baptists, he doesn't find himself with time on his hands. "It's probably a good sign. A sign that the message is getting across and that there is more support among Southern Baptists for the concerns of applied Christianity than ever before," Valentine says.

If Valentine had his druthers, there'd probably be another month in each year that he would set aside to go trout fishing in Red River, New Mexico. With three daughters (the eldest in the Peace Corps in Jamaica and the others, teenagers) — he doesn't often make it out that way these days.

Now that there are seven professionals and a support team of seven other employees, Valentine must spend much more time coordinating the activities and work projects of the staff.

By having more staff personnel to

handle many of the outgoing responsibilities of the commission's program, Valentine has additional time to spend preparing statements about the important social and moral issues that confront Southern Baptists today. In the past, the statements of the Christian Life Commission that Valentine has tailored have not always been popular. The commission's positions on race, capital punishment, sex education, and extremism are some of the statements that have left some Southern Baptists muttering in the aisles of convention sessions.

In the wake of one disheartening defeat at a convention several years ago, Valentine wrote out a personal manifesto which he keeps in his desk drawer and refers to frequently. It reads, "I shall neither withdraw from this world nor be conformed to it. This means that I must daily bear the cross; and this I do, if not gladly, then at least determinedly." He says, mostly to himself, of the disappointments and pressures of his work, "If you can't stand the heat, don't stay in the kitchen."

Commission statements in the future are not likely to be any more popular. Valentine does not take them lightly. He spends many hours living with them and praying about them before they go to the press or to the convention floor.

Many in the convention have come to see Valentine as the "loyal opposition." Recently Valentine responded at an executive committee meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to a motion to approve a Sunday School Board program emphasis title, "Church — the Sunday Night Place." Valentine stood and firmly said, "The church is God's kind of folks. The church is the people of God wherever they are. It has never been and never will be a place?" There was a long period of silence and then general laughter when no one would respond to his question and the chairman declared that "No one seems to have a ten-foot pole." (The motion was approved anyway.)

Consistently throughout his days at the Christian Life Commission, Valentine has taken the position of the rigorous, maybe strict, Bible-believing Baptist, opposing the compromise of essentials of the Christian faith. He has been there fighting for the people of God to be God's people in the world.

It is this stance, the position statements on the issues of vital importance, the national seminars, the sermons, the conferences, and other commission activities that many Southern Baptists see as signs of hope. Others see the same things as just more trouble from the burr under the saddle.



DR FOY VALENTINE was guest speaker for the candlelight dinner held at the beginning of Blue Mountain College's 101st annual session. He is shown standing above right with Dr. Harold Fisher, the college president; Henry Whitfield (seated), president of the BMC Board of Trustees; and Mrs. W. M. Beasley, president of the school's National Alumnae Association.

Christian Life Commission Honors Rutledge And Knight

NASHVILLE (BP)—Arthur B. Rutledge and Walker L. Knight have been named joint recipients of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's 1973 Distinguished Service Award for their team effort in leading Baptists to apply Christianity.

Rutledge, a native Texan, is executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and Knight, a native Kentuckian, edits Home Mission magazine and serves as secretary of the Home Mission Board's editorial service department.

The Christian Life Commission award, presented at the commission's annual meeting here, went to two recipients for the first time in its history. Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, won the 1972 award.

"This award recognizes two of the most significant influences for applied Christianity in Southern Baptist life," said Foy Valentine, commission executive secretary. "The Home Mission Board and these two men have been powerful forces for Christian morality, integrity and righteousness."

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One Southern Baptist Church On Staten Island: Odd Duck

By Elaine Selcraig Furlow

When Richboro Baptist Church on New York's Staten Island wanted to install a baptistry, members encountered a skeptical building inspector.

"You going to put two people in there at the same time?" he asked. "Then that classifies it as a swimming pool."

He was all set to make the church install foot baths, showers and lockers until former pastor Lewis Lowe convinced him nobody would be swimming in the baptistry.

"That sort of thing indicates people don't really know who we are," says A. Oliver, currently pastor at Richboro. "Some of them are curious. . . we can always attract a big crowd for a baptism service because they've never seen that sort of thing before."

Richboro's home, Staten Island, hugs the New Jersey coastline, linked only by boat and by bridge to its New York City neighbors. Bulldozers are chewing up the last of the island's undeveloped land, but it's still a big place; 57 square miles, 300,000 people.

And one Southern Baptist church: Richboro.

"To be a Southern Baptist on Staten Island is definitely to be in the minority — an odd duck," says Oliver.

Until last year, the Richboro church depended for its strength on military personnel, some from the Coast Guard complex on Governor's Island, and some from the Army Chaplain's School, across the Verrazano Bridge in Brooklyn.

But when Oliver came last June, the church shifted its emphasis.

"We're tickled pink to have the military people," Oliver says. "They're usually well-trained and eager to be involved. But we have to remember we're living in a community that needs us."

Church members looked hard at their community, then rolled up their sleeves and decided to meet a few of the needs.

Nearby Willowbrook State School has been the brunt of negative publicity and numerous investigations on the living conditions for its retarded children. So Willowbrook officials were delighted when the church offered to start Sunday School classes. Parents of the retarded children gave their okay; members began picking up about 15 children each week for Sunday School.

The teachers are Willowbrook employees who work with the same children during the week, and already know their problems.

The class of 7-9 year olds can read and write a little, and understand a simple Bible story. With the more severely retarded teenage group, "we mainly just celebrate," a member explains, helping the boys clap to "Deep and Wide." "They really love music — that's our one way to communicate with them and tell them how glad we are to have them here."

If all goes well, the church hopes to start Saturday recreation and a "friend-to-patient" program. A church family would "adopt" one child, inviting him to their home, to movies, parks or whatever.

Richboro also sponsors a satellite psychiatric clinic, in cooperation with the South Beach Psychiatric Service. A team (psychiatrist, psychologist, three psychiatric workers and one trainee) comes to the church on Wednesdays and talks to people with problems (sometimes referred by church members). The problems range from depression about boring, dead-end jobs, to teenage insecurity.

"I augment the team and they augment me," Oliver says. "If they talk to somebody with a lot of problems about religion, they may refer him to me. If I encounter a person with problems I can't handle, I ask

the team to help me." The team meets monthly with Oliver and a few church members to talk over specific psychological subjects such as suicide, and ways to help.

The church has also taken a tenuous foothold in the community through its youth activities — sponsoring a Cub Scout pack and offering one of the few free Bible schools on the island (other denominations charge). Oliver works with students at Wagner College and Community College, and the church is helping a Bafan college student whose funds from home were cut off.

Last fall the church invited its "VBS alums" to a Saturday drama workshop. Fifteen kids (12 of them from families outside the church) showed up. Charlotte Ware and Jane King led a two-hour session each Saturday for four months, teaching the basics of drama and self-expression.

To show off their skills, the budding playwrights (ages 7-11) put three Bible stories in their own words and came to New York and later became produced dramas in contemporary settings. The parable of the lost sheep became the story of a daydreaming boy on a school field trip; the prodigal son was updated so he left home for the "piano houses" around Times Square.

Response to such programs has been encouraging, but New Yorkers don't always understand what Baptists are up to.

When members were recruiting neighborhood kids for VBS, several parents called the police to complain their children were being "kidnapped." No one was arrested, but the VBS drive stopped.

Most of the people on Staten Island are Italians. Conservative Roman Catholic Italians. So Richboro started a Bible study class in Italian. Teacher Ralph Manzi was born in Italy, a Christian. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, then returned to New York to work with street gangs and kids in Harlem. He conducts the Bible study class once a week, and boasts eight "regulars."

Richboro averages 50-60 in Sunday School, but they're running out of room. Weston Ware teaches his adult (Continued on page 8)

Missionaries Publish Spanish Recipes

ALICANTE, Spain — The sharing of meals is a significant aspect of Christian life and history. Southern Baptist missionaries to Spain have published a cookbook of Spanish recipes to hand out during furlough, giving friends a glimpse of Spanish life and Baptist work in this country. "Comidas (meals) and Christ," was envisioned, compiled, edited, printed, assembled and financed by Baptist missionaries in Spain. After Mrs. Robert F. Crider, missionary in Alicante, compiled and edited the book, missionary Dennis Hale of Vigo printed about 750 copies on his home press and members of the mission assembled the book.

"The hope is that as women in Baptist churches at home pick up the book to try out a new recipe for supper, they will remember the missionaries in Spain, the needs here, and pause for prayer," wrote Mrs. Crider.

The book, whose cover drawing was done by the Criders' seven-year-old son Todd, contains favorite Spanish recipes of the missionaries and their Spanish friends. Descriptions of various aspects and areas of Baptist mission work in Spain are given at the first of each division in the book.

The collapsible metal tube was invented in 1841 by John Goffe Rand, a prominent American portrait painter, as a convenience package for his leftover paints.



Foy Valentine, center, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, presents the commission's 1973 Distinguished Service Award to Arthur B. Rutledge, left, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and Walker L. Knight, right, editor of Home Missions magazine. The award went to the two Home Mission Board staffers at the Christian Life Commission's annual meeting in Nashville for their team effort in leading Baptists to apply Christian principles. —(BP Photo by Floyd A. Craig)

Names In The News



Parkhill Church, Jackson, has called **Mickey Gentry**, left as music director and **John Foster** as youth director. Both young men are students at Mississippi College. Mr. Gentry is a senior from Baldwin. Before going to Parkhill, he served as music director at Bude Church. His wife, Sylvia, is also a senior at Mississippi College. John Foster is the son of Rev. and Mrs. James Foster, and came to Mississippi College from the Philippines, where his parents are missionaries. The Parkhill choir is getting ready to present the musical, "People to People." The youth program has given emphasis to mission activities, with trips to the juvenile detention center in Jackson and several nursing homes. Rev. Joe Stovall is the pastor.

A drug education team composed of both faculty and students at Mississippi College has been awarded a mini-grant by the Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to attend a two-week workshop at the Southwest Regional Training Center in Miami, Fla., during January, 1974. Representing Mississippi College at the Workshop will be Luther Taylor; Mrs. Marion Bassett, Mrs. Hazle Newman, Rory Lee, Beverly Stubblefield, and Mrs. Jerelyn Turner Butler.

Al Jeffrey Fike was licensed to the ministry August 26 by First Church, Leakesville, to the church's knowledge he is the first to be licensed there since the church was organized in 1905. William Carey College student, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fike. Dr. Van H. Hardin is pastor at Leakesville.

Rev. and Mrs. Peyton M. Moore, missionaries to Vietnam, have a new furlough address in the States (1601 Ridgeview Rd., Arlington, Tex. 76012). He is from Meridian, Miss.



Mrs. James McCaleb (left), Hattiesburg, recently went to Woman's Missionary Union headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama to confer with **Laurella Owens**, editor of *Royal Service*. Mrs. McCaleb will be writing study material for the Baptist Women meetings for the October and November 1974 issues of *Royal Service*.

Gary M. Glasscock is serving as an administrative resident at Baptist Hospital, according to Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator. He has completed a year of graduate work at University of Alabama in Birmingham after graduating there in May of 1972 with a B.A. degree in history. His year at Mississippi Baptist Hospital will complete the requirements for graduation, in August of 1974, with a Master of Science degree in Hospital and Health Administration.

John Gatlin has surrendered to the Gospel Ministry and was recently licensed to preach by Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula. He spent twenty years in the Navy and is currently working in insurance and investments. He has been a deacon 21 years and has served as a Bible teacher of Men's classes for 24 years. While in the Navy, he served as lay chaplain aboard ship. He has been used in the Jackson County area as a lay speaker for many years. He is now available for pulpit supply and revivals. His address is 2302 King Avenue, Pascagoula. Dr. Allen O. Webb is pastor of Ingalls Avenue.

First, Southaven has called **John Ebarb** as minister of music and youth. Native of Texas, he is a graduate of East Texas Bible College in Marshall, Texas. He is married to the former Nancy Grayson who also graduated from East Texas. They have a daughter, Michelle, 15 months old. He moved to Southaven from Newton, Texas where he was employed at the First National Bank. He also served three years as music and youth director at Roganville, Texas. He is the first fulltime minister of music and youth for Southaven. Rev. Don R. Cooper is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Earl Posey, Jr., missionaries, have returned from the States to the Philippines (address: Box 7, Baguio, Philippines B-202). Mrs. Posey, the former Mamie Lou Eubanks, was born in Lucedale, Miss.

David Eugene Hamilton was licensed to preach on August 12 at Center Grove Church, Maben. Those on program were Steve Fondren, Rev. Bryan Sherman, pastor; and Arvel Douglas, deacon chairman. The latter presented a Bible from the church. Mr. Hamilton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hamilton, the grandson of Mrs. J. W. Kitchens and the late Rev. J. W. Kitchens. Mrs. T. A. Hamilton and the late T. A. Hamilton, all of Maben. A student at Clarke College, he is the third generation of his family attending the school. Other members of his family to study there were his grandfather, mother, uncle, and sister.



Rev. Thomas W. Brown, right, was ordained to the ministry at First Church, Benndale, on September 9. He has accepted the pastorate of Midway Church, George County. Rev. George Harper, left, Benndale pastor, presents the certificate of ordination.

David Davis, William Carey sophomore, and son of missionaries to Ghana, West Africa, has been notified by the University of Nebraska that he has been nominated for "Outstanding Student of the Year" in the correspondence course division.

David has already accumulated an almost perfect academic scoring in his first year's work at William Carey College. Much of his high school work was done by correspondence through the University of Nebraska while he remained in Africa with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Davis. His sister, Nan, was also a Carey Student in the Carey School of Nursing, up until last May when she became the bride of a Carey graduate, Richard Davis of North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Major C. McDaniel Jr., recently employed missionary associates to Korea, began orientation Sept. 10 (address: Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). Both are Mississippians.

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NEW INSTRUCTORS at New Orleans Seminary sign religious articles — **Dr. Paul Stevens** (second from right), new director of field education at New Orleans Seminary and one of three new faculty members at the school, places his signature on the school's Articles of Religious Belief during the annual Convocation service. Looking on (left to right) are **Dr. Grady C. Cothen**, seminary president; **Dr. Bobby Box**, new instructor; **Dr. Bobby Adams**, new instructor; and **Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy**, dean of academic affairs.

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"...And If You Open The Door": A Story Of Bus Outreach

By the Bus Outreach Director of a Mississippi Baptist church

Bus Outreach in our church was begun almost four years ago. Looking back on those early beginnings, I am especially reminded of one particular family. At the time, they lived off Bailey Avenue. In our work with others on their street, we came in contact with the two boys in the family — we'll call them "Jack" and "Glenn Tompkins." At that time Jack was 9 and Glenn was 8. Also in the family was "Mona" aged 7, and "Lynn" aged 2. The mother, "Sandra," was expecting another child. The father, "Jerry," was an excellent plumber — but he was also an alcoholic.

Jerry never was able to hold a job for any extended period of time. Sandra had quit school to marry and was thus untrained for any position. The family was on welfare.

One Saturday afternoon, about dark, in late August my husband, Jim, and I stopped next door to the Tompkins residence to make a visit. Jerry Tompkins was in the yard with the neighbor whose children rode our church bus. Both men were drunk. They insisted on shaking Jim's hand at length. Jerry had never permitted his children to go with us though both boys always wanted to. That night the neighbor said, "Jerry, why don't you let them go?" And he said, "Okay." Sure enough, Jack and Glenn were both spic and span and ready to go with us the next morning.

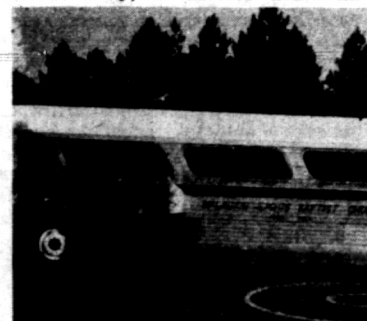
After that, the Tompkins home became a regular place to visit on Saturday. I fell in love with Sandra and, in fact, with the whole family. The house was always clean and neat. Seldom was Jerry home when we visited, but whenever he was — drunk or sober — he treated my husband and me with an "old world" gallantry that made me long to be able to reach him for Christ. The boys — and soon Mona and Lynn — became every-Sunday church attenders.

Before many weeks had passed, Jack made a profession of faith. And even as young as he was, he gladly told everyone what Jesus meant to him. Jack was — and is — a very special boy. Red hair and freckles and a wide smile, along with a gregarious personality few young boys have, served quickly to win for him a permanent place deep in the heart of our church family. Here was a nine-year-old boy who assumed adult responsibilities in a willing and capable way. For example, when Jack's dad was serving time in jail on a DWI charge, he was permitted to come home for a weekend when the new baby (a boy, Randy) was born. When he got drunk and refused to return to the jail as he was expected to do, Jack had to go to the corner phone booth and call the police to come and get his dad.

Randy was born with a hole in his heart. He was not expected to live.

Jack asked our pastor to pray for his little brother. That little brother lived. He still has a heart problem that cannot be helped by any medical means known today. At three and a half, he still cannot walk or even talk except to say a few words, but he is a laughing, happy child — much loved by his family and friends.

Jack quickly learned to use his Bible, following the pastor's reading in each service. Then came time for baptism. Sandra told me that she was afraid Jerry, of another denomina-



McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl, recently bought a reconditioned bus for use primarily in their youth and children's ministry. Shown, Robert Miles, chairman of the Bus Committee, presenting keys to Rev. Eugene Dobbs, pastor.

tional background, would refuse to let Jack be baptized. Then, on one of his Dad's weekends out of jail, Jack sat down with him and explained how he had come to accept Christ as his personal Saviour and he asked his permission to be baptized into our fellowship. Jerry gave him that permission. Sometime later, Glenn also joined the church. The more I came to know each member of that home, the more I loved them as individuals with much potential for kingdom service. Christmas came that first year and

Jack confided to my husband and our associate pastor that he hoped his Dad (who was still in jail) wouldn't get to come home for Christmas because if he did, they couldn't be happy.

"Golden Special" Is Dream Come True

By Jim Lowry

Golden years usually imply a time of slowing down to a quiet and respectful pace. That is, willing mem-



Star Church earlier this year bought a 66-passenger, 1968 Dodge bus, to help meet transportation needs of the church. Pictured is a children's choir group who attended a choir festival in Jackson. Rev. A. J. Pace is the Star pastor. Pat Matthews is the driver.

bership in the rocking chair set.

Scott Maxwell, 69 years young, would hardly fit into this category. He serves as superintendent of bus maintenance for First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.

The magnitude of the responsibility associated with this job is apparent only when you consider the fact that 26 buses run every week. Maxwell is responsible for having every one of these buses running each Sunday morning. Not one bus route has been missed because a bus would not start, which indicates he is quite efficient in a difficult job.

Maxwell, a deacon, came to First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls three years ago after retiring from many years as mechanic for a fleet of trucks.

Hearing of Maxwell's mechanical expertise, church leaders asked him to handle maintenance for the church buses.

"At first I refused to have anything to do with buses," he recalled. "I was retired and wanted to stay retired."

But a short time later, Maxwell explained, "I told the Lord to take over my life and use it the rest of my days for his will." Hence, the beginning of his part in this ministry.

One night he had a dream about a bus for use with senior citizens. He awakened in the middle of the night with an idea for use of a bus already owned by the church.

A deacon in the church had acquired the bus for the bus program, but it was too big for a regular route, so it was stored all winter.

Then Maxwell started to work preparing it for nursing home patients, elderly persons unable to drive themselves to church, or people who would not climb the steps of a regular bus.

This bus was named "The Golden Special." (Continued on page 7)

Revival Dates

Eastwood Church, Indianola: Sept. 17 - 21; Rev. Billy Smith, Memphis, evangelist; George Lipe, Indianola; singer; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. D. C. McAtee, pastor.

First Church, New Augusta: September 23-30; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Evangelist Jerry Mixon, preaching; Donald Moore, minister of music, Immanuel Church, Natchez, singer; Rev. Luther C. Newell, pastor.

First, Southaven, October 14 - 19: Rev. James Fancher, full-time evangelist from Jackson, preaching; John Ebarb, minister of music, leading singing; services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. weekdays; Don R. Cooper, pastor.

First, Gautier, September 23 - 28: Rev. James Fancher, Jackson, full-time evangelist, preaching; Hubert Greer, minister of music, First, Pica-yune, singer; Rev. John G. Brock, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with a covered dish luncheon on the grounds behind the church; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Special themes: Monday — family night; Tuesday, patriotic night; Wednesday, Sunday School night; Thursday, Good Neighbor night; Friday, youth night.)

Check This List . . . You May Be Next!

Next Week's Schedule . . . Pastor-Church Training Director Conferences

"What's New For 1973-74"

Association	Meeting Place	Conference Leader
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Conference Leaders

Bill Hardy, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church Kosciusko; James Jones, Associate, Louisiana Department of Teaching and Training; Bob McKee, Minister of Education, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson; Kermit S. King, Norman Rodgers, and Bill Latham, Mississippi Church Training Department.

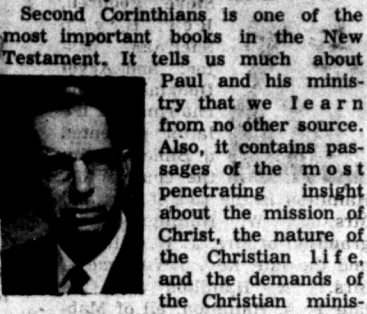


Scott Maxwell (standing) demonstrates two special features of the "Golden Special." Above, the hydraulic lift allows riders confined to wheel chairs access to the bus without the usual strain of pushing up a ramp. Below, Maxwell stands on the ramp entrance to the bus.

Ministers Of Reconciliation

II Corinthians 5:10 to 6:10

By Clifton J. Allen



Second Corinthians is one of the most important books in the New Testament. It tells us much about Paul and his ministry that we learn from no other source. Also, it contains passages of the most penetrating insight about the mission of Christ, the nature of the Christian life, and the demands of the Christian ministry. Of all these passages the one chosen for our study in this lesson would perhaps rank first. Paul calls attention to the motivations which dominated his apostolic ministry and then went on to set forth in brief but profound terms the mission of Christ as one of reconciliation and the divine intention that Christians should be ministers of reconciliation. This lesson focuses on the ministry of reconciliation. Emphasis on the death of Christ as the means of reconciliation will come later.

The Lesson Explained

The Cross and the Christian

In verses 11 to 15 Paul tells of his compelling motivations for his ministry of the gospel. Paul spoke first of the terror of the Lord. Likely, Paul had in mind the awful reality of his having to appear before the judgment seat of Christ — to which he referred in verse 10 of this chapter — to give account for his apostolic ministry. He was constrained by an awareness of his accountability to the Lord. The cross, however, above all else, was the most compelling motivation of Paul's ministry. He felt constrained by the love of Christ. He died for all that those who live, that is, those who have believed in him, "should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." The Christian is bound by the cross. The most moving motivation for us is what we owe to Christ because of his death in our stead. Our redemption by the cross has made us servants of the gospel. The Message of Reconciliation Verses 5:18-19

We have no proof that Paul knew or

did not know Jesus in the flesh. But here Paul is speaking of the tremendous change that came in his life from knowing Christ through faith. He has a new perspective. He has a radically different viewpoint about Christ. Old things have passed away; all things are new. He is a new man in Christ. This change in Paul's life is the key to his ministry, the explanation of his burden to preach the gospel, and the compulsion he feels for trying to persuade all the people, he can reach to receive the truth of the gospel and to acknowledge Christ as Savior and Lord. All that had taken place in Paul's life was due to the grace of God. It follows, as Paul says, that all that we are as Christians is due to the fact that God through Christ has reconciled us to himself and, having done this, has given us the ministry of reconciliation. There was no hostility in the heart of God toward man. Man was separated from God by enmity toward God. We must also keep in mind the fact that man in sin was exposed to God's wrath against sin. Therefore, God in Christ through the



WMU Leaders Assemble in Switzerland

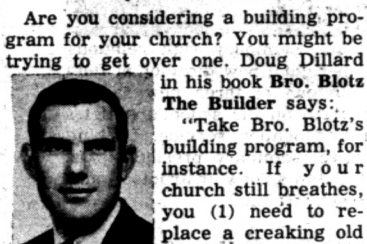
The European Baptist Convention of English-language Churches met in summer assembly at Interlaken, Switzerland. Leaders present for the WMU Conference section of the assembly are pictured, left to right: Alma Hunt, Mrs. Robert Fling, Mrs. Beth Glenn, Mrs. LeSa Casazza, Edwina Robinson, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis. Mrs. Glenn, missionary to Germany, is current president of the WMU, European Baptist Convention. Her husband is pastor of the Wiesbaden English-language Church. Mrs. Casazza of Washington, D. C. is president of North American Baptist Women. Miss Robinson of Jackson was in Europe for several weeks for WMU work with the European Baptist Convention.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Zechariah: Our God Is Able

Zech. 2:1-5; 4:6-10; 7:8-10

By Bill Duncan



Are you considering a building program for your church? You might be trying to get over one. Doug Dillard in his book *Bro. Blotz The Builder* says: "Take Bro. Blotz's building program, for instance. If your church still breathes, you (1) need to replace a creaking old building, (2) are cramped into seriously overcrowded quarters, (3) are in a building fund drive (4) are in a building program, (5) just finished a building, (6) are struggling to pay for one, or (7) as one preacher announced to his congregation, 'We are now ready to dedicate the mortgage and burn the church.'"

If this is one of the problems in your church, then you need a Zechariah. When the building of the temple in Jerusalem under the governor Zerubbabel of Judah was needed, God sent Zechariah upon the scene to challenge the people to rise up and build.

In 535 B. C. a caravan of 50,000 people left Babylon to return to Jerusalem. They intended to return home and restore the city and rebuild the temple. They carried with them the sacred vessels and generous gifts for the work.

But for some human weakness the zealous people waited 15 years to build the temple. This had been their heart cry. Prophet, priest and people all wanted a place to worship. In the delay, the people had built "ceiled houses" for themselves. They had tried but the difficulties and obstacles were too great for them. They simply were not willing to pay the price to have the temple again.

God was not willing to be defeated simply because his people had been unwilling to undertake great things. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. It was then and it is now (man's extremity) that God is able to come in with a definite challenge to go forward. Zechariah was born in Babylon and entered into his prophetic function two months after Haggai and in the second year of the reign of Darius 520 B. C. Zechariah along with Haggai came with fire in their hearts to call the people to listen to divine reasoning. God was concerned that the people were more interested in material things than the things of God. The people kept saying, "It is not the time." They had fooled themselves into believing that they must wait for a later time. So the prophet's message was one of consecration to duty. The people could prove their loyalty to God by putting forth all their energy in actual work. When they could get to work they might expect the outpouring of God's Spirit in a mighty way so that material blessings and spiritual gifts would come to them.

The prophetic preaching of Zechariah of the first six chapters was

based upon the encouragement concerning the building of the temple. The chapters 7 and 8 answers questions about fasting which arose because the temple was being rebuilt. The remaining chapters of Zechariah are an interpretation of the future of the house of God and the meaning of the temple. The interpretation of the temple is a stepping stone for Zechariah to show that the eschatological problems will find their solution in the Messiah.

The good preaching brought immediate results. The material was quickly gathered and in about four years the temple was built. Even though the new structure failed to measure up to the fine building that the older men had known, they were encouraged by the promise that God would pour out such rich blessings upon it that the glory of the new would far surpass the old. The people worked with enthusiasm. The dedication of the temple was a glorious victory and the cause of Jehovah was again prospering in the land.

God is always honored by people who hear the message of God and obey the challenge fully. This is the way God's work is accomplished.

The Vision of the Man With A Measuring Line Zechariah 2:1-13

This is an example of the type of message that Zechariah spoke to encourage the people and their religious and civil leaders, Joshua and Zerubbabel in the work of rebuilding the temple. The introduction of spiritual beings into prophetic scenes was a special characteristic of Zechariah.

The third vision of the man with the measuring line was to show that the city of Jerusalem would be fully restored and enlarged. There would be the recall from exile and Jehovah would protect His people and make the enemies to be their spoil. The nations around them would be converted to Jehovah as a result of God dwelling manifestly amidst His people.

The "man" is the Messiah who is measuring Jerusalem and will be the author of the full restoration. The angel that talked with Zechariah gave to the prophet the communications to be delivered. The city was to grow so that the inhabitants could not be contained within the walls. There was to be no fear of not living within the walls because of the protection that God will give. The prophet had a word for any who considered a wall essential to hope and good morale. The Lord had said, "I will be the glory within her." (2:5).

These were heaven-sent words of

encouragement. The people and the leaders have a strong tendency to want security before attempting anything. Zechariah was able to encourage an invincible conviction that the cause of the temple was great and that they would be upheld by a great God.

Foundation For True Worship Zechariah 7:8-10

Because a building is built and is admired by the people is no guarantee that the people will experience true worship. Sometimes a building will become an issue of division among the people. I have a friend who said he had to leave everytime there was a building program in his church. That does not have to be nor should it happen. People should be able to build with a spirit of unity of purpose that division will not be brought about by poor decisions. Neither should the people glory in what they have done and forget God who should receive praise and not man.

People that want to worship God must come into his presence with lives that are clean of sin. God is holy and he wants his people to be holy. Zechariah urged the people to live daily in the spirit of a right relationship with God.

The people who wanted the temple and wanted to worship God must have a "behaviour indicative of spiritual character." Zechariah said in these verses you must not only not hurt, but you must help your fellow man. God is more pleased with loving obedience rather than empty ceremony.

Therefore the foundation for true worship is a right relationship with people and God.

Do you still think you need a Zechariah? I do. People fail to catch the purpose and thought of God without a prophet to speak. Do you know that people follow people? Zechariah was a leader of people and I want to be too. The most important thought of Zechariah was the encouraging idea: God is able.

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Incarnation and through the sacrifice of the cross effected reconciliation and at the same time died in man's stead. Having been reconciled to Christ, we are entrusted with this wondrous message of reconciliation. We Are Ambassadors For Christ Verses 5:20 to 6:2

We may not function as ambassadors. We may not be faithful in the ministry of reconciliation. We may feel poorly equipped for our role as ambassadors. But we cannot rightly reject our responsibility. An ambassador is a representative to his Lord. He is responsible to deliver his Lord's message. In character and fidelity he is to be a true representative of his Lord. Put in a special way, we are to make known the message of God's reconciling grace, the message of his salvation in Christ. God makes his appeal through us. If we are faithful in filling the role of ambassadors for Christ, we shall not have accepted the grace of God in vain. The urgency of our mission is the fact that "now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Rev. James E. Messer Called To Louisiana

Rev. James E. Messer has accepted the call and assumed duties as pastor of Parkview Church in Tallulah, La. His address is P. O. Box 583; Zip Code 71282. Prior to his call to Parkview, he was pastor of Corinth Church, Route 2, Magee.

A native of Columbia, he is a graduate of William Carey College. He has also pastored Hepzibah at Silver Creek and Cloverdale, Natchez.

Mrs. Messer is the former Toby Maye Davis of Mobile, Alabama. The Messers have two children, Jimmy 4 and Chris 3.

Frank P. Samford, Baptist Benefactor, Dies In Alabama

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Frank Park Samford Sr., described as the greatest benefactor of Samford University, died here at 75.

Leslie S. Wright, president of the Southern Baptist university, said Samford's "service and influence have been without parallel in the 132-year history of the school," which has become, "as a direct result of his leadership, influence and generosity, Alabama's largest privately supported institution of higher learning."

Samford, former chairman of the board of Liberty National Life Insurance Co., served as chairman of the board for 34 years at Samford University, which bears his family name.

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125-Year-Old Beulah Plans Homecoming Day

"For 125 years Beulah Church near Myrtle in Union County has been a light set on a hill for Christ," writes Mrs. W. E. Crouch, treasurer.

On Sunday, September 30, homecoming will be celebrated, with Sunday School starting at 10, morning worship at 11 followed by dinner on the ground and gospel singing.

"We will welcome all former members and pastors," Mrs. Crouch continues.



Beulah Church earlier this year welcomed Rev. Kara Blackard as pastor. He is pictured with his wife, Linda, and sons Ronnie and Steve. Mr. Blackard was ordained at Shady Grove Church, Pontotoc County. Since he moved to Beulah attendance continues to show progress.

Golden Special - - -

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Special." It is now a beautifully carpeted realization of one man's dream.

Seats on one side of the bus were removed and provisions for wheel chairs were installed. The wheel chairs are tied in securely at the floor and a bar is lowered behind the riders with seat belts attached so the wheel chairs cannot roll or tip in either direction. A rail was installed beside the wheel chair area as an aid for persons walking aboard the bus.

Whether in wheel chairs or using walkers, one very special addition to the bus may well be the most helpful to bus riders. A power lift, normally for a pick-up truck, was adopted to fit the back door of the "Golden Special." Consequently, there is no strain or danger involved in boarding the bus.

Attendants on the bus include a nurse and one of the more experienced hostesses from the other bus routes. Visitation is done every week for the senior adult bus outreach ministry to enlist riders.

"Everyone I see for materials for this bus," Maxwell commented, "just bends over backwards to help."

"We are planning to expand the senior adult bus outreach ministry soon," he continued, "by getting another smaller bus."

Maxwell did most of the work on "The Golden Special" himself, including acquiring materials to furnish the bus and working with the power lift manufacturer making sure that every detail would be handled precisely as he intended.

"I've only been here three years," Maxwell said, "and God brought me here."

"The job I didn't want, I got," he continued, "but now I'm doing what God wants me to do."

Scott Maxwell is doing what God wants him to do. He might stand out as a good example for other persons to search deeper and discover whether indeed they are doing "what God wants me to do."

Pinckney Singing

The annual Pinckney Memorial Singing will convene Sunday, September 23 at Pinckney Church, southwest of Union.

The service will be filled with "good convention gospel singing." Singers, special singing groups, and those who enjoy worship in song have a cordial welcome awaiting.

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Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record



Professor W. E. Strange, left, received a book of appreciation from Ministers Wives Association president, Mrs. Jimmy Fulton, center, in a special ceremony held recently. Rev. Charles Gentry, right, witnessed the presentation.

Ministers' Wives Honor Professor

Professor W. E. Strange, long-time professor of mathematics at Mississippi College, was honored recently by the Ministers Wives Association of the college.

Serving on or with the Board of Ministerial Education for twenty-four years, Mr. Strange has endeavored himself to the ministerial students and their wives for his service to them in working with ministerial aid and housing.

A family picnic, held at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, was the site for the occasion. Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor, and member of the Board of Ministerial Education, highlighted some of Mr. Strange's contributions to the group.

Mrs. Jimmy Fulton, president of Ministers Wives Association, presented the book of appreciation. An appropriate cake was also served.

Special guests were Mr. Strange's wife; Dr. Bill Baker, pastor of First Church, Clinton, and Mrs. Baker; and Rev. Homer Ainsworth. Sponsors of the group also present were Mrs. Homer Ainsworth and Mrs. Charles Gentry.

SAN CARLOS, Venezuela—The first fruits of the Venezuelan Baptist Convention's home mission work were organized this summer into the Zion Baptist Church here in the State of Cojedes.

Hospital "Coffee"

The fall membership "coffee" of Women's Auxiliary of Mississippi Baptist Hospital was held September 19, in Gilfoy Amphitheatre.

In addition to presentations from numerous committee chairmen, Kathryn Bearden, BSU director for Mississippi Baptist Hospital, discussed her work with young people in the hospital's allied health programs.

The projects and activities for the year will be outlined. Mrs. Katherine Feldman is director of the auxiliary.

Co-Lin To Hear

"Light Shine"

"Light Shine" from Monticello Church will present a program at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6:15 in the Ewing Fine Arts auditorium.

The choir, under the direction of Lewis Bridges, director of music and youth and a Co-Lin graduate, will be featured at vespers, sponsored by Co-Lin's BSU.

The BSU has begun a radio program over WWCL-FM, "A Time with God," every Wednesday at 10:15 p.m.

Dr. W. R. Haynie To Speak On Senior Citizens' Day

For Senior Citizens' Day September 23 at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Dr. W. R. Haynie will be the featured speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service. All members of the church 65 and above will be recognized as they sit together in the center section of the auditorium.

Dr. Haynie, who is in his eighties, is a retired preacher. He has been pastor of churches in Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi, as well as twenty years pastor of First Church, Gretna, Louisiana.

Rev. Byron Malone is the Daniel pastor.

Sandersville Homecoming

Sandersville Church will observe Homecoming, Sunday, September 23.

Rev. Max Ray Parker, pastor of First, Hollandale will be speaker for the 11 o'clock service and Rev. E. A. Hester, pastor of Roxie Church, will be speaker at the afternoon service. (Parker was called to preach while a member at Sandersville and Hester is a former pastor.)

All former members, pastors and friends are invited. An old-fashioned "dinner on the ground" is planned. Rev. Horace Carpenter is pastor.



SGA, BSU, And President's Tea

One of the annual highlights of the opening weeks at Blue Mountain College is the afternoon tea for new students held at Armstrong Hall, the president's home. Receiving guests, left to right, are: Wanda Weatherly, BSU President; Joy Hurt, SGA President; Dr. Harold Fisher, college president; and Mrs. Fisher.

Off The Record

A little boy was talking to his mother and said: "Mother, are there any liars in heaven?"

"Certainly not," Willie, how could you think of such a thing?"

"Well, mother, all I got to say is it must be lonesome there, with only God and George Washington."

From a country paper:

The other night a citizen pulled a revolver from under his pillow and blazed away at what he thought was a burglar in his room. Investigation proved that he had shot a hole through his own trousers which were hanging from a chair. All that saved him from killing himself was that he had removed his trousers before going to bed.

Found in the ads: "For sale — a violin, by a young man in good condition except for a loose peg in the head."

A violinist was bitterly disappointed with the account of his recital printed in the paper of a small town. "I told your man three or four times," complained the musician to the owner of the paper, "that the instrument I used was a genuine Stradivarius and in his story there was not a word about it, not a word."

Whereupon the owner said with a laugh: "That is as it should be. When Mr. Stradivarius gets his fiddles advertised in my paper ten cents a line, you come around and let me know."

Not for Nothing!

Paying no attention to the red traffic light, the speeding cars, or the policeman's blast on a whistle, the little old lady marched primly across the street.

The policeman strode angrily up to her. "Say, lady," he growled, "didn't you see my hand raised? Don't you know what that means?"

"Well, I should hope I do," snapped the lady. "I've been teaching school for thirty years."

Prescription

Mason: "Your wife used to be so nervous. Now she seems quite cured."

Painter: "She is. The doctor told her nervousness was a sign of old age."



Harmony Wins Distinguished Recognition Third Time

For the third consecutive year, Harmony Church (Winston) has qualified for Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide. Much of the credit for this achievement goes to James D. Gregory, pictured above on the right, who has served during these three years as Church Training director. Others pictured are Pastor Tommy Jones and Mrs. Lavada Lovorn, Church Training secretary. Harmony is one of four churches to qualify for Distinguished Recognition thus far this year.

MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR VETOES BILL ALLOWING PUBLIC SCHOOL PRAYER

BOSTON (RNS) — Governor Francis W. Sargent vetoed a bill that would have allowed a period of "prayer or meditation" in public schools of Massachusetts.

Gov. Sargent cited an opinion of Attorney General Robert H. Quinn in which the bill was declared to be unconstitutional.

The governor allowed that the objective of the bill was "readily understandable and is certainly well intentioned," but he said he could not "in good conscience approve the measure."

He said approval of such a measure would only prolong a continuing controversy and "once again require judicial resolution."

Devotional

Complete Joy Through Ultimate Victory

I John 3:2

By Gus Merritt, Pastor, First, Lexington

All of us at one time or another have been associated with physical suffering. We have suffered or have seen loved ones suffer physically. The immediate response is usually a desire to be delivered from our suffering.

The text lets us know there will be deliverance. There is one mystery but two facts. We do not know what we shall be like but we do know Christ is coming and we shall be like Him when He appears. This likeness in context is a physical likeness. At the point of conversion we have the beginning of the spiritual likeness of Christ. At the appearing of Christ we shall have the same physical likeness He does.

The apostle John sets the present truth that we are the children of God side by side with the future truth to show that the future truth is based upon the present truth. Because we look for deliverance, it makes it all the more important that we be presently prepared. There must be a personal commitment to Christ now in order for us to have final victory.

There will be the glad day in which these physical bodies with all their frailty will be changed to the immortal bodies like that of Christ. Paul stresses this in 1 Corinthians 15. What will actually happen is the glory of Christ within the believer will be manifested through the physical appearance when Christ manifests Himself.

No greater comfort for those who suffer and for those who have lost loved ones can be found than in this truth: We shall be delivered!

On the basis of this marvelous truth we are to live pure in this life. The hope of this deliverance is motivation for living a life of purity and holiness. Thereby our joy is made complete.

"And If We Open The Door...": Bus Outreach

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interested in the Tompkins family, and I met her at the apartment. She asked us to keep its location hidden from Jerry. Thus she and the five children moved into those two rooms.

A few weeks later, Sandra confided to me that Jack, especially, wanted to see his Dad. She felt that perhaps she had no right to keep them apart. Jerry, had, by then, gone to the church office and made threats against the staff. He'd also called me on the phone and accused me of breaking up his home, but he was not abusive after I spoke with him — just tearful. Sandra had begun divorce proceedings. She became convinced, however, that he had the right to see the children. When he came he was sober. He talked her out of the divorce and after staying sober and giving her support money on his own for a time, he moved in with the family. As long as he stayed sober, she allowed him to stay. When he began drinking again, she made him leave.

Doing this period of time, Sandra began coming with us to church. Jerry spent several weeks at Friends of Alcoholics. Soon Sandra made a profession of faith and was baptized. During a revival service one night, Jerry came with her to church. Most unfortunately, the visiting evangelist built his message around an area of home life that provoked and angered Jerry rather than around Salvation in Christ. After the service, Jerry vowed that never again would he come to this church. He never did.

Soon he was again drinking. Sandra made him leave and one cold winter Saturday, the call came to us that

Jerry had somehow caught his apartment on fire and was burned over 80% of his body. Jim and our associate pastor went to the hospital. Very briefly, and only to speak, the pastor was permitted in the intensive care unit to see Jerry. The next night, Jerry still lingered. Again Jim and our associate pastor went to the hospital. This time permission to speak to him of eternity was given. When spoken to, Jerry would not discuss it. When asked if he would let himself be prayed for, his reply was a short, unqualified, "No!" and he turned his head and refused to look again at the pastor, who then left the room. A few hours later, Jerry said to the nurse, "I want a drink of water," and he died.

In the weeks that followed, Sandra got a job working in our church Day Care and with her social security check and her salary, she was able to buy a 235 home and, later, a car.

Today, the three oldest Tompkins children are active young Christians, participating in all phases of our varied church program and Sandra is a vital part of the very Bus Outreach program through which she and three of her children came to know and love the Lord. Each Saturday she spends hours visiting in homes of Bus Outreach families explaining to me that I could never know how she had looked forward to those Saturday visits Jim and I once made to her. She says that in the circumstances of those days, they were the highlight of their week. That car of hers is used to carry people to: sign up for food stamps; home from school; to the hospital and to take eggs and dye to children who

otherwise would have no Easter Eggs. And at every opportunity, Sandra shares the wonder of knowing Christ as your own personal Saviour.

All of this story is true and unvarnished. It is a story of failure and of success. It is a story of heartbreak and of joy. But most of all, it is a story about life and about the freedom Christ gives to man to choose his own destiny. And, of course, it is a story about Bus outreach — and what it can mean to live in your church and in your community.

TRUTH To Sing In Jackson And Starkville

Truth, a young group from Mobile, Alabama will present a program of gospel music at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, on September 23, at 7 p.m. All are invited to hear this group.

Last year, the musicians, under the direction of Roger Breland, travelled over 80,000 miles. Since the ministry of Truth began three years ago, they have been acclaimed as "the sound" in contemporary gospel music. The group has six singers and nine instrumentalists.

Following the service there will be a fellowship in the activities building for the featured guests, visitors and members.

TRUTH will sing at the National Guard Armory, Highway 12 West, Starkville, on September 20 at 7:30 p.m. This concert is being sponsored by Emmanuel Church, Starkville, Dr. James V. Clark, pastor.

Renewal Evangelism Conference To Be Held In Georgia

By Tim Nicholas

ATLANTA, Ga. — The first National Renewal Evangelism Conference will be held at Georgia Baptist Assembly in Toccoa, Ga., October 5-7.

Jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Brotherhood Commission, the conference will be tailored for men and women who want to learn the basics of renewal evangelism.

Participants will receive training in relational teaching, relational Bible study, and group process — not to be confused with sensitivity training.

In a relaxed atmosphere, participants will discuss what Reid Hardin, HMB renewal evangelism head, calls "lifestyle" evangelism.

"It's Christians using every relationship of life to share the good news of Jesus Christ with other persons in those relationships," he says.

Besides Hardin, W. J. Isbell of the Brotherhood Commission, Bill Hogue, new HMB evangelism director, and other renewal evangelism resource leaders will be assisting in the three-day conference.

Findley Edge, founder of the Vineyard, a Louisville, Ky., renewal center; the Vineyard's co-directors Bill Clemmons and Harvey Hester; Jesse Fletcher, director of mission support for the Foreign Mission Board; and Leonard Sanderson, Louisiana secretary of evangelism.

Other leaders will include David Haney, author of two books on renewal, *Renew My Church* and *Idea of the Laity*; Fred Roach, president of General Development Corporation; and E. W. Price, Jr., pastor of Greenstreet Baptist Church in High Point, N. C.

With large and small group sessions, these and a group of renewal evangelism associates will share in detail the dynamics of renewing the church.

With limited space, registration will be on a first come basis.

Write Reid Hardin at the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N. W. Atlanta, Ga., 30309, for details.

GAZA — The Gaza Baptist Mission has leased facilities on the Mediterranean Sea here to be used as a Baptist recreation center. A former casino (local name for any club or restaurant), the center provides summer recreational facilities for Baptist hospital employees and their families and is used for church-related retreats and conferences.



The class for mentally retarded children is one of Richboro's ministries. (Home Board photo by Elaine Furlow.)

Odd Duck On Staten Island

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class from the green couch in the parsonage living room, a block from the church building. He's occasionally interrupted by noise from the basement, where the young girls' class meets.

The church needs more room, but land is expensive. A 1½ acre lot would cost about \$100,000. The mere thought of selling the present building and buying land staggers some, especially since the church's checking account stays in the hundreds.

"The building symbolizes stability and survival," Oliver says. "It's very easy for a small church like ours to be swallowed. But is survival all we're asking for, or should we ask for more?"

SANYATI, Rhodesia — Mrs. John W. Monroe, a missionary in Gatooma, Rhodesia, was injured when the car was driving skidded into a tree a few miles from here. After being flown to Salisbury, Rhodesia, for treatment of a cracked vertebra and head injuries, she has returned here for a month of rest.

Revival Results

Pioneer (Wilkinson): August 26-31, Rev. Bill Thomas, evangelist; Rodney Simmons, choir director, singer. (Mr. Simmons composed and sang a three-stanza song during the revival, as special music. The words of the chorus were: "Why, oh why did God give us life? Why did He give us time on this earth? To praise His name, to spread His word, Till we see Christ. This is God's plan for us.")

Oliver observes that in other NYC boroughs, "You know there's at least one other Baptist church you can lean on. But here, we're the only one. We put our emotional lives on the line any time we start a project."

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10th Anniversary

September 9 marked the first Sunday of Dr. Bob Simmons' eleventh year as pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian. In recognition of ten years of dedicated service, Dr. Simmons, his wife, Mary, and children, Doug and Ann, were honored at a reception. The church family, friends and acquaintances presented the Simmons family a love offering in expression of their love and appreciation for years of faithful ministry.

Dr. Simmons, reared in Clarksdale, graduated from Mississippi College and earned his Th.D. from New Orleans Seminary. Since his graduation in 1955, he has pastored Raymond Church for two years, Oak Forest, Jackson, for seven years, and is now beginning his eleventh year at Fifteenth Avenue.

"His ministry is characterized by unselfish dedication to his task and by long hours of studious Bible study which he presents from the pulpit in a manner that speaks to the needs of man," tates a church member.



First Church, Byram, To Build Addition

The above picture shows First Church, Byram as it will look when the new \$181,000 addition is completely early in 1974. The addition will include new church offices, library, nursery rooms, kitchen, fellowship and dining hall, and additional Sunday School rooms. The church is located on Old Byram Road in south Jackson. The pastor is Rev. Orvel E. Hooker.